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**FOUR
CAPTAINS
TALK ABOUT
THEIR JOBS**

West Ham's Bryan
Robson (left) and
Martin O'Neill of
high-riding
Nottingham Forest.

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Help from Shanks

WHY DID West Brom's ambitious young boss Ron Atkinson enlist the help of Bill Shankly when he took over from Ronnie Allen at The Hawthorns?

"Because Shanks is a legend in his own lifetime and I am using his considerable experience," said Ron.

Is Shankly planning a takeover bid for the hot-seat at Albion?

"Yeer joking, laddie," said Shanks. "Albion have a very capable manager already... and a very good team."

Cheers For Jack!

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY boss Jack Charlton was given a warm reception by Belfast fans when he went on a spying mission to the recent Linfield-Glentoran League game, at Windsor Park.

Perhaps older Blues' fans remembered big Jack's soccer cousin, "Wor Jackie" Milburn, of Newcastle United and England fame, who, as player-boss, guided Linfield to the Irish League title in 1959, and the Irish F.A. Cup, a year later, hitting around 150 goals in a three-year stint with the Windsor Parkers.

DRAMATIC DEBUT



ALLAN EVANS (left) has been with Aston Villa since last summer following his move from Dunfermline, but it wasn't until the U.E.F.A. Cup game against Barcelona at Villa Park he stepped into the first team as a second-half substitute.

Evans, who cost Villa £20,000, carved out the equaliser in a dramatic 2-2 draw and he followed up this game by making his League debut in the goalless home draw against Leicester City.

He admits he is a newcomer to the forward ranks. He made over 100 first team appearances for Dunfermline — mainly as a defender.

Villa snapped him up after watching him score a hat-trick. More recently he scored six goals in a Central League game against Sheffield United.

The 21-year-old Scot said: "Now I've played in the first team I want to win a regular place because no player can be content playing second team soccer. It would be great to link up with Andy Gray."



LEADING GOALSCORERS

(League, F.A. Cup and League Cup. Up to and including April 8th)

FIRST DIVISION

- 29—Latchford (Everton)
- 26—Francis (Birmingham)
- 25—Macdonald (Arsenal)
- 23—Dalglish (Liverpool)
- 22—Wallace (Coventry)

SECOND DIVISION

- 27—Kitchen (Orient)
- 22—Hatton (Blackpool)
- 21—Taylor (Oldham)
- 20—Vinter (Notts County)
- 19—Duncan (Spurs), Whatmore (Bolton)

THIRD DIVISION

- 28—McNell (above, plain shirt, Wrexham)
- 27—Buckley (Walsall)
- 25—Bruce (Preston)
- 24—Kemp (Carlisle)
- 23—Biley (Cambridge United)

FOURTH DIVISION

- 32—Phillips (Brentford)
- 29—Curtis (Swansea)
- 21—Parker (Southend), Lumby (Scunthorpe)

Fan Turned Player!

SHOOT's Northern Ireland correspondent, Eddie McGee, recently looked in on an all-night sponsored football marathon, in aid of a local youth club, in Bessbrook, County Armagh, and ended up appearing in five of the team's half-dozen hour-long games.

Before the night — or morning! — was out, he discovered that virtually all the players, mostly youngsters, taking part were keen SHOOT readers. He also found out they could play a bit, too!

OLD PALS — NOW RIVALS

THE magnificent two-man team behind Sunderland's F.A. Cup victory over Leeds in 1973 were in opposition for the first time recently.

Our picture shows the Bury and ex-Roker manager Bob Stokoe (left) and his former coach Arthur Cox, now manager at Chesterfield, who won their Third Division home match 2-1.



A NEW HAMPDEN

SCOTLAND'S national stadium Hampden Park is to be rebuilt at a cost of £8,000,000 — whether they win the World Cup or not!

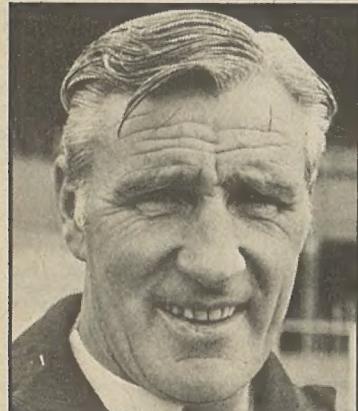
The plan, which will be phased over four years, involves the replacement of the North and South stands, and the building of a roof over the East and West terrace.

Initially the stadium will have a capacity of 95,000, but this will eventually be reduced to only 65,000, with seating on the terraces.

There will also be under-soil heating.

NOTTS County winger Steve Carter has had a fine season and attracted the attention of other clubs. But if County did make him available his fee would be considerably higher than the £18,000 the club paid to Manchester City in 1972.

During his year-long stay at West Ham, striker John Radford failed to score a goal. Yet in his first match for Blackburn he was on target.



BOBBY Campbell (above), the soft-spoken Scot who has breathed life into Bristol Rovers, has been invited to write out his own contract to stay on as manager.

For years — he went to Eastville in 1962 — he was the forgotten back-room boy as he coached three generations of players. Now chairman Graham Holmes was saying recently: "It's all up to Bobby. He can set down his terms — all we want to do is keep him happy."

What a 56th birthday present for the man soccer had passed by. A man who spent long years standing in the corner preaching attacking football when no one listened.

When Don Megson opted for the American scene Campbell got the job — at least in part — because Rovers couldn't afford anyone else.

He had served under four managers, Bert Tann, Fred Ford, Bill Dodgin and Don Megson and was available at next to no extra cost.

Rovers were into the last years of their Eastville lease, £75,000 in debt, losing £15,000 a week, and the mutterings were growing louder from

GETTING SHIRTY...

RIGHT . . . Merseyside derbies are usually close affairs, but this is ridiculous! Everton's Martin Dobson seems to want to exchange shirts with Liverpool's Jimmy Case a little early.

BELOW, LEFT . . . West Ham captain Billy Bonds gets to grips with Brian Little of Aston Villa — with a little help from Brian's jersey.

BELOW, RIGHT . . . Tottenham's Neil McNab seems to have lost the ball — and tries to ensure Terry Fenwick of Crystal Palace doesn't get it either.





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Each year SHOOT presents two specially-designed silver trophies to the players in the English and Scottish Leagues whom you, the readers, have selected as being the season's most exciting performers.

These awards are now among the most coveted prizes in soccer. Previous winners are (from the English League): Peter Bonetti, Steve Heighway, Kevin Keegan, Allan Clarke, Billy Bremner, Alan Hudson, Gordon Hill and Andy Gray. From the Scottish League: Jimmy Johnstone, Willie Henderson, Joe Harper, Derek Parlante, Kenny Dalglish, Sandy Jardine, Willie Pettigrew and Danny McGrain.

Who will win this season's awards? Only you, the readers, can answer that.

When you've decided on your choice, fill in the coupon on this page and send it to us right away. In the box on the coupon put either an 'E' if your choice is from the English League, or an 'S' if the player is from the Scottish League.

There is an added bonus to the voting because you also have the chance to win some superb prizes donated by Quality Products Ltd. First prize is a cine projector and two soccer films — Scotland World Cup '78, which features, in colour, ties against Czechoslovakia and Wales. The film is 400 ft. Also, England v Italy, a 200 ft colour film of the World Cup-tie. There are also ten runners-up prizes of Liverpool v Borussia Mönchengladbach (200 ft, black and white) in last year's European Cup Final.

Prizes will be awarded in order of merit for being the neatest correct entries with age being considered. The Editor's decision is final. Unfortunately, the competition is restricted to readers in the U.K. and Eire, except employees of IPC Magazines Ltd., and the printers of SHOOT.



Closing date for the voting and competition is May 5th. Post your completed form to:
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1. Sadly, Danny McGrain will not be playing for Scotland in Argentina because of a foot injury. Did he last play for Celtic in September, October or November this season?
2. 1977 was a great year for Andy Gray. Apart from the SHOOT award, Andy was also honoured by — the Professional Footballers' Association or the Football Writers' Association?
3. What is the correct name of Kevin Keegan's West German club?

I nominate as my Player of the Year

Name _____

My answers to SHOOT'S Soccer Films Competition

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'VETERANS PLAYING'

So much space has been devoted to the fresh, young talent that has exploded on to the soccer scene this season — such as Cyrille Regis, Chris Woods and Clive Walker — I thought I'd redress the balance by talking about some of the familiar "old faces" still giving their clubs — and in some instances, their countries — sterling service.

Players like our Ian Callaghan and Tommy Smith at Liverpool, as different as chalk and cheese on and off the field, yet who are the same when it comes to dedication.

Cally is often held up as a model professional — a man with all the most desirable qualities — and there can be no greater testimonial. He is a real 90-minute player, never admits defeat, and his industry and midfield ability has often turned a game in our favour.

Unlike many older players, he never shirks training by just going through the motions, but in fact pushed himself ever harder in order to keep fit and sharp.

It's amazing how, after something like 17 years in the first team, his enthusiasm enables him to pick himself up after a disappointing defeat and put himself in the right frame of mind for the next match.

So many at his age, around 36, become disenchanted and happy to serve out their time in the reserves.

Until the recent League Cup Final replay our "Ageless Wonder", as he's been called, had a clean disciplinary sheet, but was given his first yellow card by referee Pat Partridge after 849 games.

A T.V. recording later showed his shoulder charge on Peter Withe to be a fair one and we confidently expect Cally to be "cleared".

In his long span with us Reds, he has collected every honour, except winner's medals for the European Cup-Winners' Cup and the League Cup. There's still time for the latter, if not the former.

Cally is a very amiable chap who rarely shouts during a game.

In contrast, Tommy Smith always makes himself heard, dispensing orders and rebukes to team-mates

and opponents alike. Tom has a reputation for being one of the hardest tacklers in the game, with a real no-nonsense approach. It's untrue, however, that he practices by tackling lamp-posts.

Not as old as Cally, around three years younger, he is our second longest server with over 600 League and Cup appearances.

Tom has, rightly, great confidence in his ability, regarding himself as the best man in his position at the club, and I'm told at the early age of 17 he was banging on the office door of Bill Shankly, our then-manager, demanding a first team place.

Around six years ago, when Shanks dropped him for "loss of form", Tom had talks with Stoke City about a transfer there, but they fell through and, to his and the club's benefit, he remained at Liverpool.

He was due to hang up his boots at the end of last season, but after scoring that great headed goal that regained the lead for us against Borussia Monchengladbach in the European Cup Final in Rome, the club prevailed on him to sign a two-year contract. Apart from the chance to help us win further honours, it will take him up to a time when he can draw a pension.

Insurance companies are permitted to give the same early pensions to footballers as to some other professional people, such as airline pilots, whose working lives are short.

Tom regained his first team spot, after a spell in the reserves, due to injuries to other players, but is now a regular on merit.

In his private life, Tom is as uncompromising as he is on the field, and always speaks his mind.

Chelsea's equivalent is Ron Harris, another back-four man with a fearsome reputation amongst wingers in particular. Ron rarely gets singled out for mention in match reports, yet his steady influence in a basically young side enabled the London Blues to regain First Division status last season, and hang on to it this term.

A fine "utility player" — every club needs at least one in its squad — Ron has filled every position in the back-four. Like Tommy, he once captained the team for a long spell.

The other Chelsea "old faithful", Peter Bonetti, gets noticed more because of being a goalkeeper. Several times he's been almost written off and permanently displaced. He's shown tremendous strength of character in fighting back and reclaiming the number one shirt. For as a player gets older, he's tempted to resign himself to dropping into the reserves or a lower Division.

I've just realised that all my selections play either in defence or midfield. It's almost impossible to have



'Paul Reaney — Leeds missed him'



Diabetics

As a diabetic myself, I'd like to know if there are any diabetics playing in top-class football?

LISA VOCE,
LYTHAM ST. ANNES

Considering the number of professionals playing, Lisa, I should think it more than likely that there are a few diabetics amongst them.

One top star I can tell you of for sure is Celtic's famous Scottish international — and one of our own SHOOT columnists — Danny McGrain.

Danny first discovered he had diabetes during the 1974 World Cup in West Germany — but, although he's had his share of injuries, that complaint in itself hasn't stopped him performing at top-level in the game and winning many more honours.

World Cup

I was born on 8th June, 1958, while the World Cup was on in Sweden. Can you tell me the results of any games played that day?

RAY ROSLI,
BRUNEI

Quite a few, Ray, as the final stages were only just kicking-off.

These were the eight results — Northern Ireland 1, Czechoslovakia 0; Argentina 1, West Germany 3; Yugoslavia 1, Scotland 1; France 7, Paraguay 3; Hungary 1, Wales 1; Sweden 3, Mexico 0; England 2, Russia 2; Brazil 3, Austria 0.

Three weeks later, on 29th June, Brazil beat Sweden 5-2 in the Final.

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Third Lanark

When did Third Lanark drop out of the Scottish League, and what's happened to them since?

NICOLA STAPLES,
LONDON, S.W.6

That famous club went out of business altogether — not just out of the League — in 1967. Nicola.

This followed a series of investigations by the old Board of Trade into their affairs.

It was a sad day for once-proud Third Lanark — so named because the club was formed in 1872 by military soccer enthusiasts from the Third Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers — who were amongst the founder-members of the Scottish League in 1890.

AS WELL AS EVER'

Tommy Smith has re-established himself in the Liverpool side playing in front of Ray Clemence.

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

a long career up-front because of the amount of punishment that is taken. Playing continuously with his back to the opposing goal, a forward cannot avoid being kicked. After 30, he also loses his sharpness, the ability to snatch the slightest goal-chance.

Some forwards, when they lose their effectiveness, are given a new lease of life and remuster to roles in either the midfield or back-four. But in the main, the veterans have always operated behind the "firing line".

West Bromwich Albion have John Wile as their skipper, an experienced campaigner with over 400 League games under his boots with Peterborough and Albion. John is

held in high regard at The Hawthorns; and rightly so, serving as caretaker-manager after Ronnie Allen left to join the Arabs and before Ron Atkinson took over.

An attack-minded centre-half who excels at scoring goals from set-pieces.

John is an inspiration to his team, a born leader who never ceases to urge his men on even when defeat looks inevitable.

Still going strong at Leeds is full-back Paul Reaney, who helped write their success story when, under Don Revie, they transformed themselves from being a struggling Second Division side to a feared force, not only in Britain, but in Europe, too.

Very quick on his feet, he is equally effective at keeping pace with a winger in full flight and knocking the ball into touch or overlapping to join in an attack.

He's been very unlucky in recent years with injuries, and Leeds certainly missed him. Now he's playing a big part in the Leeds revival.

At Manchester City, Tommy Booth also struck a bad patch, through injury and otherwise, and was left out of the side for a long time.

Then manager Tony Book realised he was the man to partner Dave Watson. Now they form one of the most effective, difficult-to-beat, defensive double-acts in the business.

Tommy is very quiet for a defender, seldom making his voice heard. Apart from a fine positional sense, he is dangerous at set-pieces, and often scores from them.

At Ipswich, Allan Hunter is soldiering on, playing as a traditional centre-half. Dominant in the air, like many other big, tall fellows he can be slow on the turn and beaten on the ground.

There's no one more competitive. He gives one hundred per cent

plus, and always stands out in a game.

Even though he's "knocking-on", Allan is still an important member of the Northern Ireland side.

Time to single out one more player who has been around the First Division longer than most, and is still playing as well as ever without hitting the headlines.

Mind you, his exploits used up plenty of ink for several years — particularly after England won the World Cup in 1966.

Martin Peters, then of West Ham, followed by Spurs, and now captain of Norwich City, the side who come to Anfield to play Liverpool in the League this Saturday.

Past his peak as he may be, Martin has not lost any of his class. A very creative player, quick to spot an opening, and a captain who leads by example.

You'll never see him get angry with one of his players who has done something wrong. He prefers to coax and encourage.

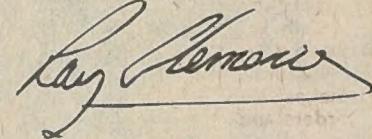
I can testify he also packs a mighty shot.

At Carrow Road before Christmas he scored City's winning second goal. He pounced on to a ball headed out to the 18-yard line, volleying it past me and into the net.

Up until last season, when City beat us 3-1 — they had four chances and put three away — his team has enjoyed little success at Anfield.

Their manager John Bond annoyed us two seasons ago by saying if Liverpool won the League it would be a bad thing for English football. Well, we did win the title, held it the next season and topped that achievement by becoming only the second English club to carry off the European Cup.

Perhaps that influenced Mr. Bond into changing his mind and referring to us as the "best side in the country" after City had beaten us in our last meeting!



'Ron Harris, a
steady influence at
Chelsea'

Penalties

How many penalties have there been in F.A. Cup Finals at Wembley?

GRAEME RONALD,
MIDDLESBROUGH

Only four since the first Final there in 1923, Graeme — and all have hit the back of the net.

They were scored in 1938 by George Mutch (Preston v. Huddersfield); 1948 by Eddie Shimwell (Blackpool v. Manchester Utd.); 1954 by Ronnie Allen (West Bromwich v. Preston); and 1962 by Danny Blanchflower (Spurs v. Burnley).

Mutch's was the only goal of the game — in the last minute of extra-time, too — and, with the exception of Shimwell, the others also finished on the winning side.

SHORT PASSES

The founder-members of F.I.F.A., in 1904, were Belgium, France, Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, and Spain.

(MICKY JEFFS,
Sutton Coldfield)

Everton's first League game was a 2-1 home victory over Accrington Stanley on 8th September, 1888.

(YVONNE WOODS,
Liverpool)

Arsenal's record scorer in a single season is Ted Drake with 42 First Division goals in 1934-35.

(TANJU HUSSEIN,
Winchmore Hill)

Liverpool's worst defeat was a 9-1 Second Division beating by Birmingham on 11th December, 1954.

(ROBERT TAYLOR,
Brixton)

First winners of the Cup-Winners' Cup, in 1960-61, were Fiorentina, who beat Rangers 4-1 on aggregate in a home-and-away Final.

(PHILIP GRAY,
Bicester)

Sir Alf

For how many full internationals was Sir Alf Ramsey in charge of England?

J. CAREY,
MERSEYSIDE

113 all told — starting with a 5-2 European Championship defeat by France in Paris on 27th February, 1963, and ending with a 0-0 friendly draw with Portugal in Lisbon on 3rd April, 1974.

Of these, 69 were won, 27 drawn, and only 17 lost — with a goal-tally of 224 to 99 — for a long-term record which would take quite a bit of beating.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

CAPTAINS

IN today's highly-specialised game, players generally have a definite role to fulfil as managers outline their tactical schemes — but just where does a captain fit in? Is he a leader in name only, or does he do more than flip up a coin?

Obviously, the man in the crowd has his own ideas on what sort of job the skipper of his particular team is doing. But nobody knows better what is expected of him than the captain himself, and Birmingham's Terry Hibbitt, for example, has definite views on the subject.

'A skipper must encourage players'

He says: "To begin with, I'm a good talker and ready to offer an opinion on what is going on in a match. At Birmingham, this is my first full season as skipper, and I'm enjoying it — but I was lucky in learning the best way to carry out a captain's duties from a man such as Billy Bremner at Leeds, then Howard Kendall with Birmingham.

"A skipper must encourage his players when things are going wrong and heads are dropping. I've always been the type who shouts for the ball and wants to be involved — and my position in midfield is the ideal spot from which to do this."

"In midfield, I'm close to our defenders and in contact with our forwards. But if criticising people, I must be sure not to have any favourites on the field, and the criticism should be constructive. Giving a player a rollicking just for the sake of it, is not good for his morale or of much benefit to the team in general.

"And the job has been good for me. Since becoming captain, the responsibility has had the effect of making me control my temper — I am less ready to blow up. Instead, I try to channel my energy into achieving something beneficial for the team."



WHILE Terry is satisfied with his opening term as a skipper, Newcastle's Geoff Nulty has had the unenviable task of returning as captain of a struggling side. Out of action for most of this season with strained stomach muscles, Geoff made a comeback in March, right in the middle of United's relegation battle.

'Lift the lads when spirits are low'

"A skipper has a difficult job to lift the lads when spirits are low," admits Nulty. "If the team is in the top three it is obviously easier. But in any situation, a captain must try to inspire confidence.

"And his duties can include making a positional switch at any time in the game if he thinks it necessary. For example, there is no point in delaying a decision to swap a player around until he consults with his manager at half-time — the competent skipper will act on his own initiative if he thinks the circumstances warrant it.

"And whether he leads by example or by shouting depends on his personality. If a man sets an example by his play, as Mick Mills does

for Ipswich, full-back is an ideal spot for him — this is because he is stuck out on the flank and his shouting is less likely to be heard.

"But ideally, I would prefer being a central-defender in the back-four, or in the middle of the midfield men — here, the shouting can be heard and you can also lead by example.

"And I don't believe in bawling out a player if he is having a bad time — any professional knows when things are not coming off for him. It is only when someone is persistently trying to do the wrong thing, such as attempting to do something the hard way when a simple pass would do, he rates being really ticked off."

SPEAKING...

MARTIN Peters, ex-England World Cup hero and Norwich City skipper, has all the experience necessary to lead any club side — and he believes being captain can invoke responsibilities that extend beyond the playing field.

'I try always to play well'

"If any of the players have off-the-field problems I like to know about them and help out if necessary," explains Martin. "Sometimes I can put their point-of-view to officials of the club, and if this eases a player's mind, it makes for happier relations all round."

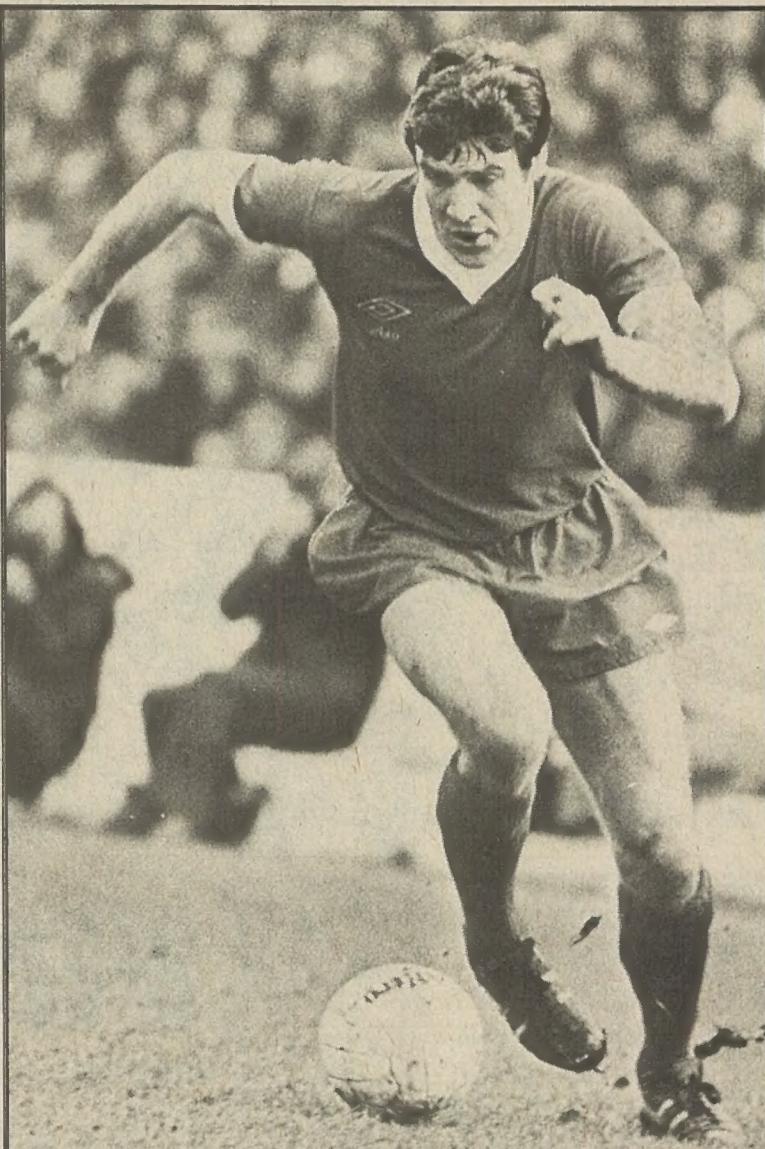
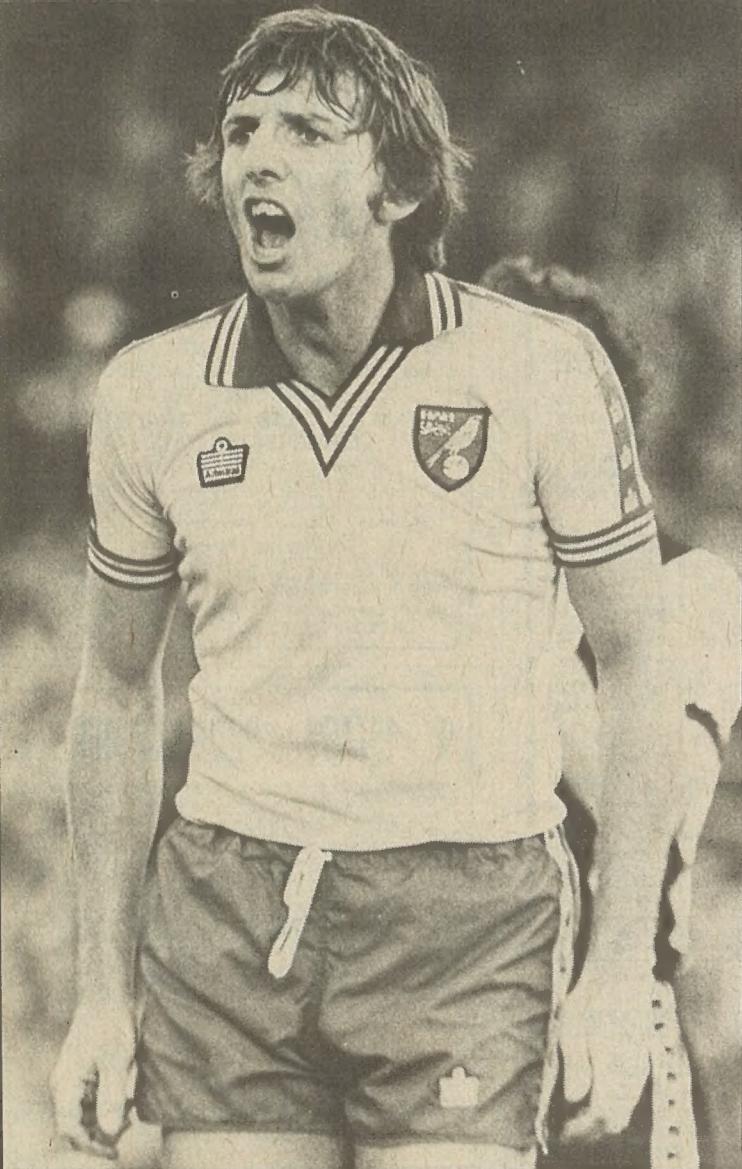
"A contented player can turn in better performances on the field. And about performances, I think players should be told off only for lack of effort — but if someone is giving all he can and is still playing badly he needs encouragement, especially if the crowd is against him."

"My position in the middle-of-midfield is best for me, where I can shout or make positional changes

during a game if I think it should be done. And as captain, I try always to play well, to set some sort of example."

"The pressure is always on a captain, no matter where his team is in the League, although it is harder if a side is going through a bad spell. And in any match, the skipper must be fully aware of what is going on all around him, as well as concentrating on his own game."

"He puts the club first and can't relax during the 90 minutes — and in that period there are captains who never stop encouraging their players, and yet after the match there are some of them who are very quiet fellows."



ONE man who has had his share of responsibilities and pressure as a captain is that stalwart of the Anfield Kop, Emlyn Hughes, the Liverpool and England skipper. And Emlyn's captaincy duties this season at club and international level give him a special qualification for summing up what is required of him.

'Lucky to have top-class players around me'

He says: "Our manager, Bob Paisley, briefs us on our tactics before a match — then if there are any adjustments to be made during the game it is up to me to use my initiative. But I'm lucky at Liverpool in having top-class players around me, which makes it easier for me."

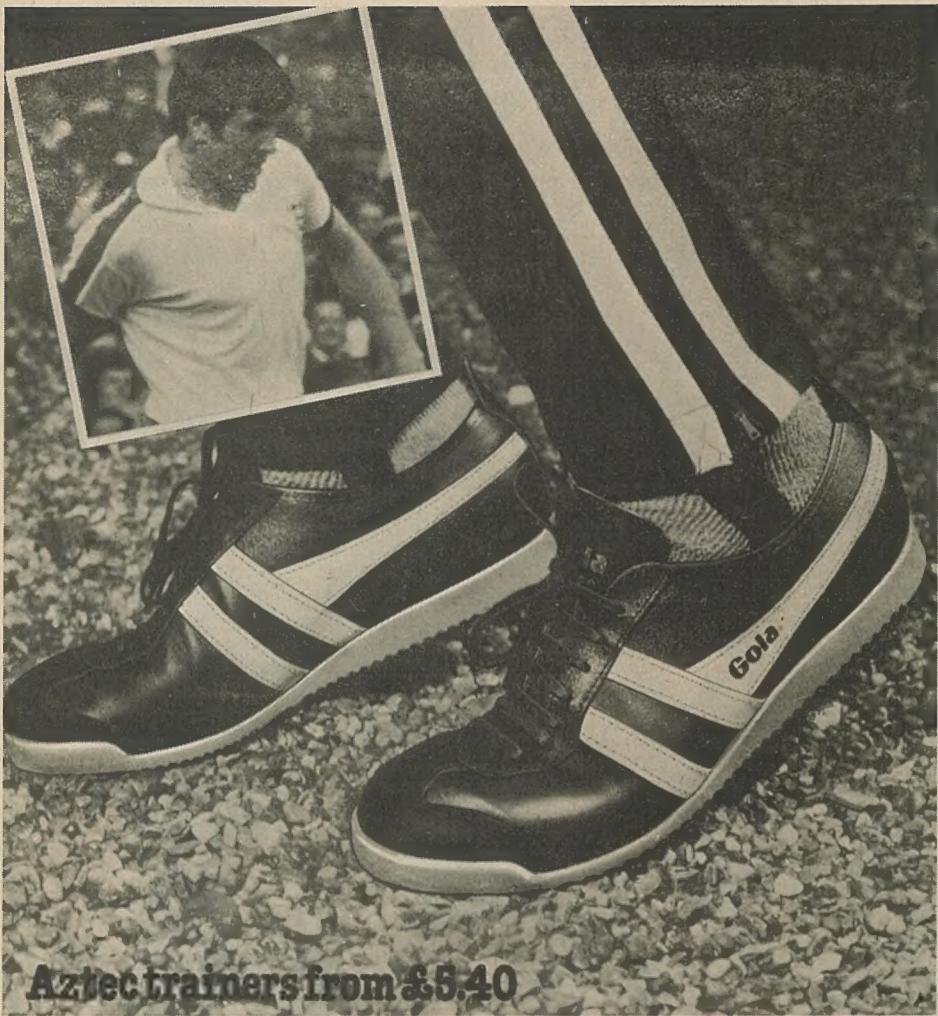
"And when I've captained England there has not been a great difference in the class of players I've appeared with then, as compared to my Liverpool teammates, so I've had no problems in this respect."

"Also, I find no difference in captaining a side either in the middle of the back-four, or at full-back. And with Liverpool, I've always been skipper of a successful team,

which is better than being in charge of a side that is struggling.

"On the field, if any of our players look like getting involved in an argument with the referee and possibly being booked or sent-off, I try to prevent it by having a word with the player — I remind him we don't want to be playing with ten men."

"And before a match, I take note of the conditions, and always believe in having the elements in my favour if I win the toss. If Liverpool have the wind behind them in the first-half, we hope to have the opposing side in a position where they are struggling at half-time — then they are not so likely to be able to come back even with the wind in the second."



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WILE: Villa have had the best of recent derbies with us, Dennis, so we've the incentive to do better on this occasion.

MORTIMER: Well, we have been working for some time at putting our game together, John — and hope to have it just right for our meeting.

WILE: From a personal point of view, I'm looking forward to coming up against Andy Gray. I've a tremendous respect for his ability, and more than most centre-forwards he has this aptitude for getting behind defences, and on the wrong side of them. It makes him an awkward man to mark.

MORTIMER: Yes, Andy is talented and has been getting back into the groove following his lay-off, and John Deehan and Brian Little are there to link up with him. Actually, in addition to yourself and Andy, there will probably be a few personal duels going on, as the teams are well-matched.

WILE: I think we are lucky in the fact Willie Johnston is having his best season since he joined us. He must be the best winger in the country, or in the world, for that matter.

MORTIMER: Willie can be a match-winner, but with John Gidman accustomed to going forward, I reckon the two of them will just about cancel themselves out. In midfield, I know we will have to keep an eye on Tony Brown, because of his habit of scoring goals.

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JOHN WILE



DENNIS MORTIMER

W.B.A. v ASTON VILLA

Saturday, April 22nd

Losing F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists West Brom go into this Midlands derby determined to wipe out the memory of a 3-0 defeat at Villa Park earlier this season, while The Villans aim to do the League double over their rivals to compensate for a disappointing season. Here, we have John Wile in the blue-and-white corner, and Dennis Mortimer in the claret-and-blue corner.

WILE: About goals, Dennis, it is impossible to predict how many will be scored in this game, although both sides are equipped to go forward and there could be some fluid football.

MORTIMER: I certainly wouldn't attempt to forecast a scoreline but I'm sure there will be no lack of effort from either team. Perhaps this season, Villa have not always shown the same application they did last term, but players are apt to pull out that little bit extra for a derby.

WILE: I feel Villa have not yet realised their full potential as a side. I also believe your defence will find Cyrille Regis has gained a lot of experience this season, and if he is on form could have an impact on the game.

MORTIMER: In our matches against other Midland teams in 1977-8, we've done all right, apart from Birmingham who beat us twice this term. You mention Cyrille has learned more as a player, and as a club, I think we've learned more about ourselves since last season — now we are trying to apply that knowledge.

WILE: It should be a great contest between Albion and Villa, and if there is any advantage to either side, I suppose as we are the home team we could claim it. But nobody can say beforehand just what is likely to happen in any derby — though I hope there is no repetition of what happened in our previous meeting, when Alex Cropley broke a leg.

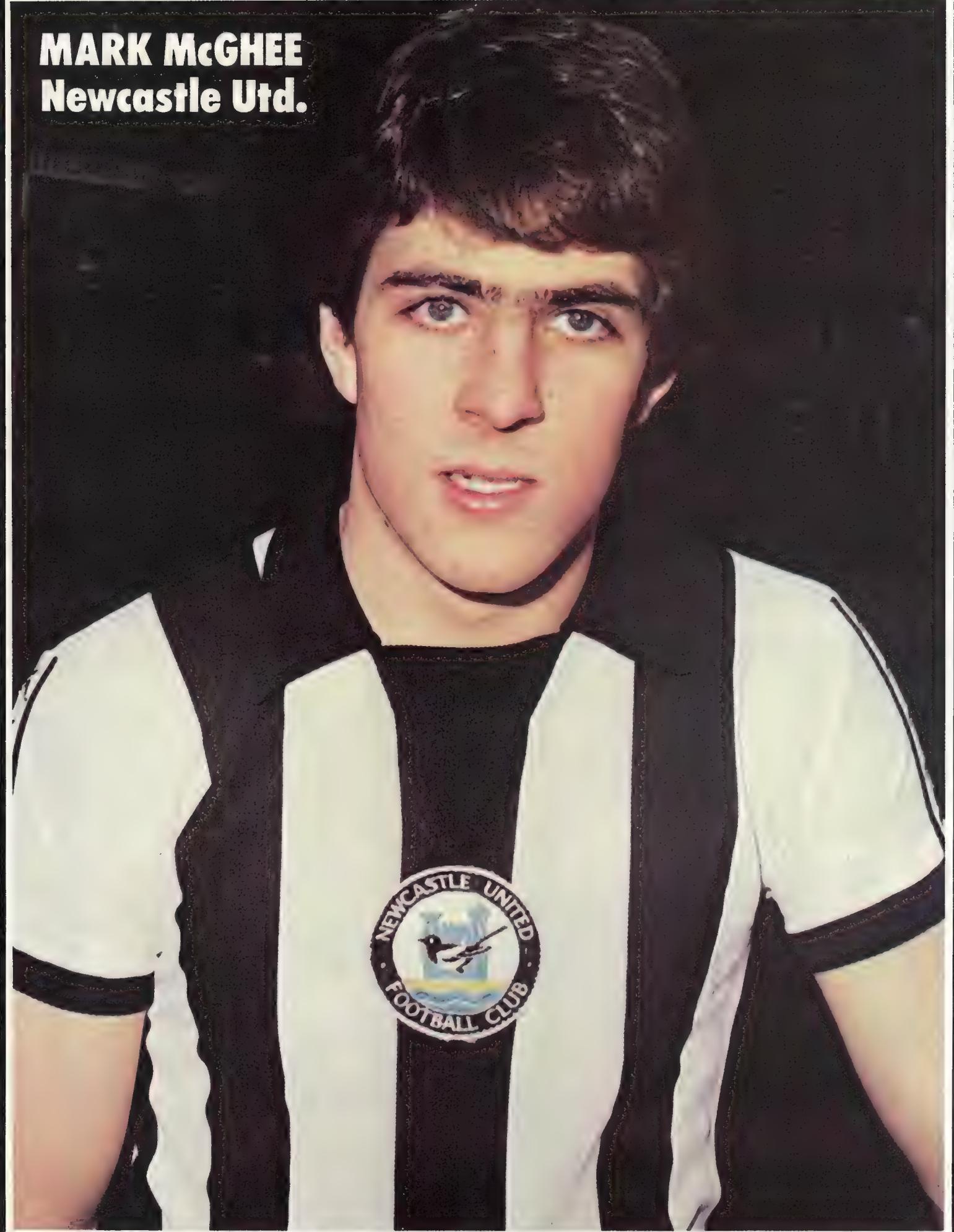
MORTIMER: What is important is to have a referee who is competent and can control any situation that is likely to arise. A derby is a special occasion, and sometimes a certain amount of niggling arises through tension, which a good referee can deal with.

WILE: Yes, it's quite true, Dennis, there can be tension. But sometimes the fans seem to attach more importance to the result than the players, and there is no doubt supporters enjoy talking over every aspect of a derby once it is over. In the Midlands there is terrific enthusiasm among the fans, and my wish is we can provide a sporting game for them to talk about.

MORTIMER: I feel the same way, John. And if Villa can get a result which will help us to finish above Albion at the end of the season, I know our supporters will be happy.

A good referee is essential because trouble can often flare up in local derby clashes.

MARK McGHEE
Newcastle Utd.



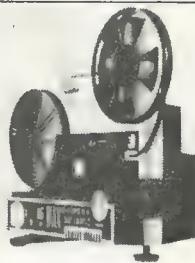
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This week's Star Letter comes from Christopher Smith, of Newton, Hyde in Cheshire, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

LIVERPOOL FANS UNDER FIRE...

I WAS disgusted and ashamed at the way Liverpool fans dragged English football into the muck by their stupid antics coming back from West Germany after watching the European Cup-tie against Borussia Mönchengladbach.

I was surprised when I heard the news as Liverpool are supposed to have the best supporters in the country.. I think this has been disproved.

I was most upset as it will make European clubs think twice about welcoming our clubs and I've no doubt the ferry service will be reluctant to accommodate soccer fans again.

Will there be a ban on Liverpool supporters, just as there was on those of Leeds and Manchester United?

... Please Stay Away

AS a Liverpool fan it fills me with pride to sing and cheer on my team. It filled me with sadness and disgust to see a small portion of the club's supporters (a) being ticked off by manager Bob Paisley for using bad language (b) hearing a distasteful chant about "Munich '58" directed at Manchester United (c) when a youth had a dart thrown at him at Anfield and (d) the riots coming back from Germany.

All this after the "friendly invasion" of Rome a year ago. My message to the thugs is: either SUPPORT the club or stay at home.

GAVIN FERRIS,
MAIDENHEAD.

• The only way to eliminate trouble entirely is to have a complete ban on fans travelling abroad. This would hit the majority of true fans, although it would at least be a positive step to cutting out hooliganism and robbery. The problem doesn't stop at football — these thugs give England, as a country, a bad name.

As far as Liverpool followers are concerned, we have it on good authority — from no less than Jim McManiman, the President of the London Branch of the Liverpool Supporters' Club — that a gang of thieves are masquerading as Liverpool supporters abroad, and it's about time the authorities singled them out, the main cause of trouble, and severely dealt with them.

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A Man's Job?

I WAS pleased to see on Grandstand a female reporter, Julie Welch, reporting on a game.

I thought to myself "Oh well, at least the Women's Lib will be happy." Yet to my amazement in the Radio Times I read a letter of complaint about Julie ... from a female!

The letter said Julie had no right trespassing on men's ground — but I say: well done the B.B.C. for getting the ball rolling.

JANE PETERS,
RHOS-ON-SEA.

• We agree with you unreservedly. Julie covers soccer in a highly professional way, as readers of The Observer will testify.

Out Of Date

MY dad, brother and I are all Arsenal mad, but we were very disappointed at the out-of-date team-picture you published.

STEPHEN TABRAR,
NORTHLORT.

• It's natural team-groups taken in July or August become dated. When pictures are badly out-of-date, as the Arsenal one was, we try to set-up a new photograph for our readers. Unfortunately, this was not possible with Arsenal, but we'd like to thank Birmingham City in advance for the co-operation in allowing us to take a new picture which will be published in our May 6 issue. We receive a lot of criticism for out-of-date team-pictures — and, as in the case of Celtic, for example, no picture at all. Yet the fault does not lie with us.

Wise Now

IN your first issue of the season you predicted Nottingham Forest were "no hopers" regarding the League title.

Not very good at predicting, are you?

NEIL ABBOTT,
CUFFLEY.

• We've received a few similar letters recently but, of course, they would have had far more credibility had they been sent last August. In fact, not one Forest fan disagreed with us then.

Pen-Pal

AM hoping you may be able to help me find a pen-pal who supports Manchester United.

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Alan Durban—new manager of Stoke City—

TOOK LESSONS FROM CLOUGH AND TAYLOR!

LAST February, caught up in the skirmishing for Second Division survival, Stoke City appointed Shrewsbury Town's progressive young manager, Alan Durban, to the managerial seat that had proved too hot for former Newcastle, Arsenal, Stoke, and England star, George Eastham.

Durban, a wiry, blond Welshman, whose 27 caps for his country are honourable reminders of the quality football he played as a tenacious, skilful midfield operator with Derby County, arrived at the Victoria Ground with a track record that showed how admirably he had weathered his baptism as a soccer boss.

Alan's departure from Shrewsbury was a real body-blow to both the club and its support. With his old Derby club-mate, Richie Barker, a big, walloping centre-forward whose skill never quite matched his dash, as coach, Durban brought the homely little Shropshire team within touching distance of the Second Division, doubled the customers at the Gay Meadow ground, and saw to it the club's financial barometer read "Set Fair".

Stoke's new boss admits playing for Brian Clough and Peter Taylor at Derby, and watching them at work, fired his ambition to become a manager — a good manager.

"When Brian took over at the Baseball Ground there was a lot of complacency in the club. We hadn't set anything alight, but we were content to follow a nice comfortable day-to-day routine that nobody seemed keen to change.

"But everything altered when Brian got cracking! He turned the club inside out, and the cosy days were over, believe me. The discipline was unbelievable, both on and off the park, but in the end we knew his way was right. He won our respect, and, having that, both he and Peter Taylor were able to get their ideas across.

"I was seven years at Derby with Brian and Peter, and rubbing shoulders with managers like them made me more determined than ever to get into management.

"In the summer of 1973, I went on an F.A. managers' course at St. Helens, and came back itching for an opportunity to prove what I could do. Shrewsbury gave me the chance, and I was pleased with what I did there.

"It was a wrench leaving the club, and the town. I made a lot of friends, and received terrific encouragement from the fans. My one big regret is we missed out on promotion to the Second Division last season.



"Getting the Stoke job was another step forward, and I knew it would have its problems. But then, any manager moving to another club faces problems, and he has just got to iron them out.

"When I took over at Stoke, the situation was desperate. Last season, they dropped out of the First Division, and this season they have been deep in trouble at the wrong end of the Second. My top priority is ensuring Stoke City survives.

"There is still a lot of hard work to be done yet, but since I joined the club, our results have been very encouraging. We held Bolton to a no-score draw, at home, beat Palace 1-0 at Selhurst Park, and that, incidentally, was our first goal away from home since the 19th of November. Then we had a cracking 4-2 home win against Blackburn. We then beat F.A. Cup Semi-Finalists Orient 5-1 at home.

"Although we came away from Brighton and Tottenham pointless, I thought we played well. The heads weren't dropping, and, particularly in the game with Spurs, we played a lot of enterprise, attacking football.

"We're moving up the table now, and I'm confident we'll be well clear of the danger zone by the season's end. The side is a blend of First Division experience, and exciting teenage potential, and I'm very optimistic about the future."

Already Durban has brought the warmth of revival to this famous old club, and with that superb, and vastly experienced footballer, Howard Kendall at his elbow, as player/coach, the drive and splendid organising ability of this ambitious 36-year-old Welshman must surely restore First Division pride to the Potteries.

We pay tribute to Scotland's man for all positions . . .

DEREK JOHNSTONE hit the Scottish football scene with the publicity of a royal birth. Not for him a quiet apprenticeship and a series of games against inferior opposition.

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He headed the only goal of the game and in doing so beat Billy McNeill — whose forehead had been a Hampden winner for so long — in the air.

It was Johnstone's first goal, his first Cup-tie and Rangers' first taste of real success again.

It was a vital breakthrough and the legions acclaimed their new idol. The career of Derek Johnstone has gone in only one direction since that 1970 autumn day.

He is now probably the best all round player in Britain and has on different occasions been called the best striker and the best centre-half in the land.

His talents in the midfield are far from limited, too, and at a time when Gordon McQueen is rated at £500,000, the price on three-players-in-one Johnstone's head must be well over that mark. And yet throughout all this, all who know the big man will confirm he is still one of the nicest guys in the game.

His good humour and wit make him a favourite at supporters' functions and he is one of those personalities who always seems to have time to sign an autograph or stop for a chat.

At Ibrox, D.J. has always had time to help young players with any problems . . . on or off the park. He is undoubtedly one of the men most admired by fellow pros.

But the irony of the Johnstone story is our man, who could become the most famous player in Rangers history, spent his schoolboy days worshipping Dundee United and indeed could have signed for Celtic, the Ibrox club's greatest rivals.

Johnstone is widely tipped to win the captaincy of Rangers when their bionic man, John Greig, finally does retire. It would be no real shock if he became a greater light blue legend than even Greig.



Bobby Watson (above, right) and Willie Johnston celebrate Scottish Cup Final success in 1966. Derek Johnstone (below, right) is stopped this time by Celtic's Billy McNeill but the Rangers striker later scored the only goal of the 1970-71 League Cup Final.



Willie Waddell, Jim Baxter or Willie Woodburn, George Young or Bob McPhail.

And yet it could so easily not have been . . .

Johnstone was born in 1954 in Dundee and was brought up, not like so many provincial kids with a longing to support Scotland's old Firm, but rather with a fanaticism for Tayside's "other" team, Dundee United.

In these days United were not the Tangerine Terrors so respected in football circles this decade — indeed black and white were their recognised colours — but were instead the poor relations to Dundee who were on the threshold of a League Championship win and a place in the Semi-Finals of the European Cup.

But young Johnstone spent his youth on the slopes of Tannadice, only a stone's throw from Dun-

dee's Dens Park, learning his football lessons from the stars of the early and mid-Sixties . . . Eric Caldow, Bobby Watson, Jimmy Millar, Ralph Brand, Willie Johnston and Davy Wilson of Rangers, Davie Hilly, Alex Harley and Matt Gray of Third Lanark, Alex Hamilton and Alan Gilzean from Dundee and strangely enough one promising youngster from Celtic, Billy McNeill.

He watched and learned his lessons well, adapting what he saw for the benefit of Fintry Primary School and the primary district side.

He then moved to Linlathen High School and was selected for the Scottish Schools Under-15 side and United, whose own fortunes were taking a turn for the better, had to take a back seat.

Derek played too for St Francis Boys Club at both Under-16 and



HE HELPED END RANGERS' TROPHY FAMINE!



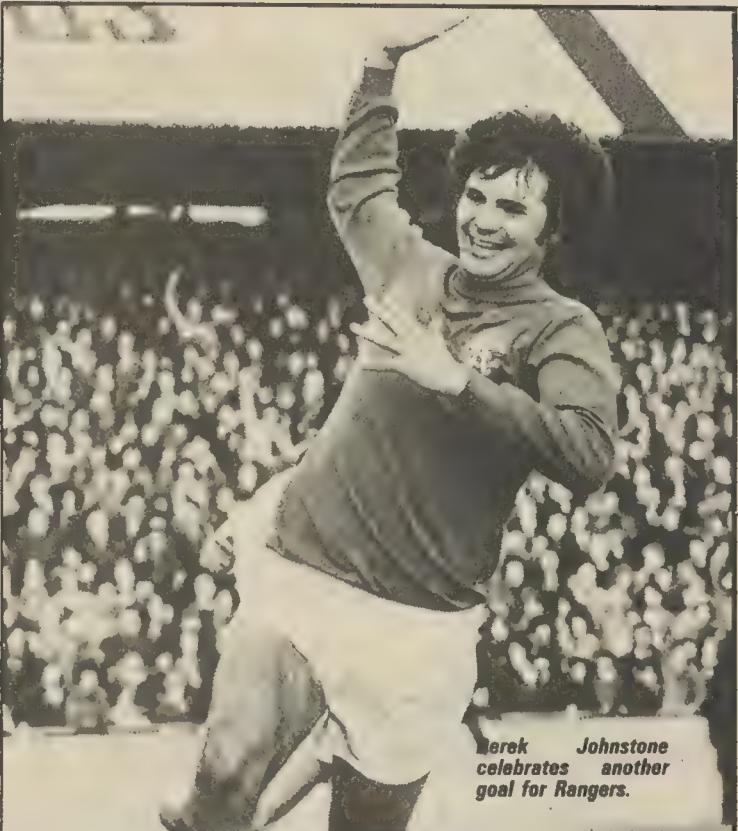
One of the biggest Cup shocks was Berwick's 1-0 win v. Rangers in 1967 (above). Colin Stein (left) scores for Rangers during their 1972 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final win v. Moscow Dynamo.

Under-18 level and consequently he found little time to shout on his Tannadice idols.

His talent was unmistakable and as sure as the Tay flows into the sea a senior career was on the cards.

It looked like a dream come true for the big man when Dundee United stepped in with first a trial and then an offer to sign. It seemed only a formality when then-manager Jerry Kerr asked D.J. to put pen to paper . . . but Derek was put off by United's training methods.

"I didn't fancy it at all," he said. "It was all lapping the track. And while perhaps that was what United needed at the time, it didn't suit me at all."



Derek Johnstone celebrates another goal for Rangers.

"So I looked at my other offers and surprise, surprise, I nearly went to Parkhead!

"Sometimes I think it's funny how it all works out. As a boy Kenny Dalglish lived just round the corner from Ibrox and looked a stone cold cert to sign for Rangers. It could so easily have been Kenny Dalglish (Rangers) and Derek Johnstone (Celtic)."

But in 1968 Derek Johnstone signed on an "S" form for Rangers and two years later turned professional.

There was something of a famine in the Ibrox trophy room with Jock Stein-inspired Celtic undisputed Champions of not only Scotland but Europe itself. Ibrox indeed was in the middle of a revolution caused by the 1967 unbelievable Scottish Cup defeat by Berwick which Rangers managed to avenge only this January.

Big Derek made his debut in the first team, not as some would have it in that League Cup Final, but instead the previous week against Cowdenbeath in a League match at Ibrox.

But perhaps inevitably he was a success.

He scored two goals in Rangers 4-0 thrashing of the Central Park side.

What happened next is legend. Derek Johnstone's name became a household one overnight, although in houses where Celtic's green and white are king it was strictly banned.

It was obviously no one-night stand and great things lay ahead. They came in abundance.

So far — and his career has still to reach its zenith — he has won 14 full caps, four Under-23 caps, two at youth level and two for representing the Scottish League side.

He was an integral part of the Rangers team which lifted Scotland's first Premier Division

Championship and completed the treble although his greatest honour came on a summer's night in Barcelona in 1972 when Rangers lifted the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

His cap total is surprisingly low, due perhaps to his incredible versatility. A succession of Scottish managers — Tommy Docherty, Willie Ormond and Ally MacLeod — have all made him a regular in their pools and yet have consistently been at a loss just where to play him in their sides.

In an era where Scotland have been blessed with the best of Europe's strikers, perhaps his cap total would have been improved if he had played as an out and out centre-half.

But Rangers manager Jock Wallace continues to play him in a striking role while critics suggest he should start with Johnstone at centre-half and build a team around him.

How though, can you argue with Wallace? Derek has been top scorer at Ibrox for the past four seasons and with him currently starring in that role, Rangers are favourites to lift all three domestic trophies.

And at international level Derek is a certainty for Ally MacLeod's 22 for the World Cup Finals in Argentina . . . if only because of his versatility!

There has been controversy in his career. The pin-up bachelor disappeared from pre-season training at Ibrox and in the summer of '75 missed the flight à la Georgie Best style on a Rangers pre-season world tour.

But all that was forgiven easily. And there isn't a manager in the land who wouldn't love to have to deal with the big man. Fortunately for Rangers fans there are few whose bank managers would let them have the chance to try.



SHOOT nominates YOUNG MANAGERS WITH A BIG- TIME FUTURE



Jim, above, player at Halifax, Wrexham, and the fifth above looks like he's heading Wrexham out of the Third Division as a champion. Second above, Jim Smith (left).

COLIN ADDISON (Newport County) has all the hallmarks of a successful manager.

Having played at all levels of the game from the Fourth Division with York City to the First Division with Arsenal and Nottingham Forest, he began his managerial career in non-League football with Hereford United.

It was during Colin's reign at Edgar Street that Hereford achieved their aim of earning Football League status, this after a string of memorable Cup-ties against clubs like Newcastle United and West Ham.

More recently he was charged with the gigantic task of getting Newport out of a desperate situation.

There was genuine talk of the club folding last season and when Colin joined them Newport seemed doomed for re-election. He was under no illusions about the enormity of the job ahead, and indeed some of the more unkind folk about, reckoned he was tackling something few others would even consider.

It was nothing short of miraculous that County avoided the indignity of having to apply for re-election, and they're now pushing ahead near the top of the Division — a tremendous tribute to Colin's achievements.

He has already been linked with a number of top clubs.

ARFON GRIFFITHS (Wrexham) is one of the few successful player-managers around.

Whenever a "number two" steps up to succeed a man who's been as successful as John Neal was before his summer move to Middlesbrough, there are bound to be problems.

Comparisons become inevitable, and even if the team carries on its success the cynics declare it's all because of the departed manager rather than the new man.

Arfon has not only kept

AT THIS time last year two young managers with little background in the game, Richard Dinnis at Newcastle and Colin Murphy at Derby, were trying to make a name for themselves.

As events proved, both failed — Murphy is now coaching at Notts County, Dinnis managing in America.

And the new trend for First Division clubs looking for a man at the top, appears to be to recruit from the lower Divisions.

West Bromwich Albion turned to Cambridge's Ron Atkinson when Ronnie Allen left for Saudi Arabia. Birmingham City are relying on former Colchester and Blackburn boss Jim Smith, while Middlesbrough called on John Neal for this season after he had learned his trade with Wrexham.

Second Division Stoke also went into the lower Divisions to capture Shrewsbury's Alan Durban recently, and there are at least six more of the same type making their marks and ready to step up.

Here are just a few candidates:

Wrexham in the front of the Third Division promotion fight, he has given them an extra dimension which sees them deservedly running away with the Division.

There isn't a team in the top two Divisions who would fancy playing Wrexham on their own ground, and such has been their improvement that some judges rate them ahead of many top clubs in their thinking and general ideas.

To say Arfon has achieved all this while still playing is even more remarkable.

JIMMY LAWSON (Halifax Town) has just completed his first six months in the job at The Shay and has created a fine impression.

A busy sort of player who has never won the headlines in a career spanning Middlesbrough, Huddersfield and Halifax, Jimmy took over at The Shay when confidence was at its lowest.

The team was getting nowhere, crowds were pitifully low and interest in Halifax was at zero.

In that short space of time Jimmy has re-organised his side without spending any money and has made them one of the most competitive and consistent in the Fourth Division.

Like Arfon Griffiths he has accomplished all this while still playing an active part on the pitch. The crowds are coming back a little, there is more money in the coffers and Halifax are steering clear of danger.

DAVE SMITH (Southend United) has a remarkable record in the lower Divisions.

During his stay with Mansfield Town he built a side which became almost invincible, and at the peak of their unbeaten run he was astonishingly sacked.

Mansfield went on to achieve promotion while Dave himself moved on to Southend to continue his work.

At Roots Hall he has bought

wisely bringing in players like Micky Laverick from his old club, and Colin Morris from Burnley, to forge another side which is proving itself one of the best around.

If promotion from the Fourth Division is achieved, as seems likely, Dave Smith will be able to point to one of the most outstanding records in management — always good credentials to take to anyone.

GRAHAM TAYLOR (Watford) has been described as the best young manager in the game.

It was no less a person than Don Revie who gave him the honour when he recommended him to Elton John at Watford.

Graham's skilful piloting of Lincoln City over three years had won widespread admiration, and it was as much the style of play he insisted upon, as the net result that earned the plaudits.

When it seemed certain he would jump into the big League with West Brom, along came Watford with their unbeatable offer, and it is at Vicarage Road that Graham has confirmed that tag as the best young manager.

Watford have won the Fourth Division title by a street, and while, admittedly they have had more money to splash around than most clubs in the Division, Graham has shown great wisdom in his transactions and continues to look a First Division manager of the future — whether with Watford or another club.

JOHN BARNWELL (Peterborough United) had adopted the principle of starting his managerial career by building from the back.

Like Don Revie at Leeds and Jackie Charlton at Middlesbrough, John has begun by getting an iron-cast defence which gives nothing away.

In 39 matches Peterborough scored only 36 goals, but such was the invincibility of their defence that The Posh moved up to fourth place in the Third Division, conceding only 25.

John was a constructive and industrious inside-forward, and his partnership with Noel Cantwell at Peterborough when he was coach there, served as a fine apprenticeship for the present job.

John is another of the young breed of managers who is not afraid to go into the transfer market, and his pre-season swoop for Fulham's Alan Slough was a very shrewd piece of business.

NOBBY STILES (Preston North End) has come to terms with the extra pressures of the job with amazing alacrity.

As a player Nobby was a tiger, never out of the action, never afraid to get involved where it hurt, and that appears to be his philosophy in management, too.

After a slightly hesitant start Preston have become one of the Third Division's most attractive clubs, and under Nobby seem certain to start their climb back to the status in football which they believe they should hold.

These are just a few of the bright young managers who are beginning to make a name for themselves. For many years English football has been dominated by the Revies, Shanklys, Mercers and Cloughs.

Perhaps soon we'll be talking in similar terms of Addison, Stiles, Griffiths, Taylor, Barnwell, Smith and Lawson.



Nobby Stiles



Graham Taylor (above) has taken Watford to the Fourth Division Championship in his first season in charge at Vicarage Road.

LEFT . . . Peterborough United line-up. Back Row (left to right): Nick Evans, Alan Slough, Jack Carmichael, John Cozens (now Cambridge), Stewart Garnham (no longer with the club), Keith Waugh, Lyndon Hughes, Peter Hindley, Keith Oakes, Billy Hails (trainer). Front Row: Bob Doyle, Gary Sargent, Ian Ross, John Barnwell (manager), Tommy Robson, Andy Rogers (now Kettering), Jeff Lee (now Kettering) and Mark Hesley (now Arsenal).

BELOW, LEFT . . . Fourth Division Newport County. Back Row (left to right): Ronnie Bird (coach), Don Murray (now Barry Town), Steve Derrett, Eddie Woods, Ron Walker, Gary Plumley, Roddy Jones, John Relish, Brian Clark, Colin Addison (manager). Front Row: Tony Byrne, Mark Williams, Gary Bell (now Gloucester City), John Emanuel, Brian Preece, Tony Villars (no longer with the club).



NOBBY



FOOTBALL FUNNIES

"Ref, ref! I'm being harassed"



This week Birmingham's popular 'keeper JIM MONTGOMERY selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"Do you get much mob violence here?"



"When you have finished admiring his tattoos — can we have the ball?"



"I'm fed up with being anchor man"

my soccer scene
GORDON HILL



A PENALTY against Everton at Old Trafford on Easter Monday was my 19th League and Cup goal of the season.

Not too bad a record considering it's been a disappointing campaign for United as far as winning honours is concerned. Mind you, I have collected one trophy this season.

After the match against Arsenal at Highbury on April 1st, my birthday, I stayed on in town to receive an award from the London Branch of the Manchester United Supporters Club.

It was a reward for my marksmanship. Former United assistant-manager Pat Crerand presented the trophy at a dance.

Naturally I was proud to be chosen as Player of the Year by the London Branch. At least I've got something to show for the 1977-78 campaign.

Since turning professional I've always managed to score goals. I hit 20 for Millwall in around 80 League appearances and about 50 since I joined United.

I can't really say why I have this knack for getting goals. I suppose I've been lucky enough to have been born with an instinctive flair for hitting the target consistently.

Perhaps I should have been a front-runner or assistant-striker instead of a winger.

Ask Denis Law how he used to get up so high in the air, or beat an opponent with a swerve of those famous hips, and I bet he wouldn't be able to give you an answer.

It's the same with natural goal-scorers. You've either got it, or you haven't.

As I'm always being asked to describe my best, and worst, goal of the season, I thought this a good time to run through my total so far.

Linking last and back to the opening League match of the season at Birmingham City.

Lou Macari scored a fine hat-trick in United's 4-1 win. My goal came in the 75th minute — a volley just outside the area. I connected just right and the ball swerved around the 'keeper to hit the back of the net like a rocket.

I didn't have to wait long to get my name on the scoresheet again . . . from the penalty-spot four days later against Coventry when United won 2-1 at Old T.

The club didn't appoint me penalty-taker, I offered to take on the job.

One day in the dressing-room, after training, previous boss Tommy Docherty asked for volunteers. Nobody seemed particularly keen, so I said I'd have a shot at it.

I don't know why so many players are reluctant to take penalties. In training they're all willing to have a go, but on match-days haven't the confidence.

My goal number three was scored in United's Cup-Winners' Cup First Round tie in St-Etienne.

Actually, I put three past their 'keeper that night, but the referee disallowed two of them.

The one that did count proved vital. It gave us a 1-1 draw. A fine result in a European away game.

Pancho Pearson put a superb ball across to the far post. I came in late and hit it on the volley.

I score a lot of my goals in similar style. Maybe it's because I try not to allow the ball to settle. If it bounces once I try to hit it before it touches the ground a second time.

My fourth goal is perhaps the most debatable.

Away at Leeds on September 24th I went up for the ball with Trevor

Gordon turns away after scoring from the penalty-spot against Derby.

'How I've become United's top marksman'

Cherry. The area seemed full of bodies . . . a right old shambles.

Anhew, next I knew the crowd were roaring and the ball had crossed the line.

I thought I'd just managed to get the final touch, but wouldn't swear to it. Some sources gave it as an o.g. to Trevor.

The most important thing was it gave United a point in a 1-1 draw.

I had to wait until November 5th for my next goal. It was well worth it, although United did lose to Arsenal at Old T.

I picked up the ball from the right and ran on and on, rounded Pat Jennings and whacked it home.

At the end of the month, I returned to the side after injury and scored twice at Q.P.R.

One was a rare goal for me . . . a header. The next was the result of a fine cross from the left.

The ball came over and I was lucky enough to be on hand to score. United drew 2-2.

Away to Everton on Boxing Day, United ran riot and won 6-2. I scored one of those golden goals

A rare sight . . . Gordon heading a goal, this time v. Q.P.R.

in our 1-0 win at home to Old T. on December 26th.

Then came a game against Leicester City at Old T a day later. United won 3-1. And ten and eleven v. Derby on January 21st.

One was from a penalty — and the other was a goal about three — the third a simple tap-in.

The ball came across the box and I just managed to get a touch before a Derby defender could reach it. United played well to win 4-0.

My next goal was scored during United's Fourth Round F.A. Cup replay against West Brom at The Hawthorns.

Trailing 2-1 with seconds of normal time left, I scored one of my best of the season.

I beat one player and struck the ball perfectly from about 25 yards out. It flew into the net, in-off the post.

Then in the first minute of extra-time Cyrille Regis scored the 3-2 winner.

Goal 13 was another penalty, against Bristol City at Old T. Unlucky 13! You must be joking. That spot-kick was a vital one for United — just as several have been this term — and gave us a point in a 1-1 draw.

Number 14 was also scored from the spot . . . another point-saver against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, a few days later.

My next goal also gave United a point, in a 2-2 draw away at Newcastle.

Joe Jordan had scored his first for United in the 27th minute. Just before half-time I notched our second. This goal must rank my luckiest of the season.

I lobbed the ball in from the left, searching for big Joe's head. Instead I was pleasantly surprised to see it dip into the net.

Goals 16 and 17 were both penal-

ties in our derby win with City on March 15th.

I was particularly pleased when the first one went in, because I had missed my previous spot-kick against Middlesbrough a couple of weeks earlier.

My 18th goal was a pretty spectacular effort . . . if you don't mind me saying so. It happened against Leicester at Filbert Street on Easter Saturday, when United won 3-2.

A couple of minutes after half-time, Sammy McIlroy collected the ball just outside the penalty-area and played it on to me on the edge of the six-yard box.

The ball bounced once and I struck it on the volley past Mark Wallington.

Two days later, at home to Everton I scored my 19th goal of the season again from the penalty-spot. Unfortunately, United lost 2-1.

I didn't set myself a target this term, except that I hoped to beat last season's total of 22.

Before I close, a brief word about recent events involving me and United.

As you know, a few days after being substituted at Arsenal I had an interview with Dave Sexton.

It was a short meeting, during which he told me I could leave United. Mr Sexton didn't feel I was pulling my weight for the team.

Naturally I'll be telling you the full story, but I prefer to wait until the dust has settled.

Whatever happens, I'll be back in SHOOT next week.



WORLD CUP '78

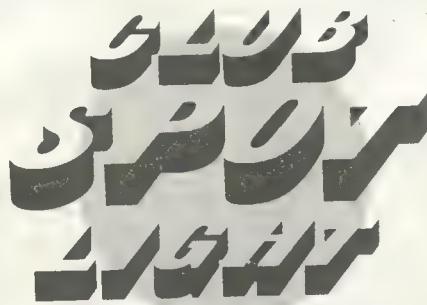
Great news from Figurine Panini!



There's another super Figurine Panini football collection on its way to you from Minicards Ltd. World Cup '78 will contain a section on each of the 16 finalists, with the national badge, team photo, and photos of 16 leading players. There will also be sections covering the best teams eliminated (including England and Wales) and stickers on all the World Cup finals since the competition started in 1930, including the official poster, a photo of the winning team, and the most popular player from each tournament.

This is a collection that no football fan will want to miss, and it's published on May 12 — be sure you get your album from your local newsagent. The album costs 15p, and the stickers are 5p for a packet of six.

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compiled by John Pyke

IPSWICH TOWN



BRIAN TALBOT

RECORD VICTORY:
10-0 v Floriana (Malta), European Cup, First Round, September 25th, 1962.

RECORD DEFEAT:
1-10 v Fulham, Division One, December 26th, 1963.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
64 in Division Three (South) 1953-54 and 1955-56.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Ted Phillips, 41 in Division Three (South) 1956-57.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Trevor Whymark and Bryan Hamilton.....	11
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Trevor Whymark (above) was Town's top goalscorer for last season. Goalkeeper Paul Cooper (right).

THE F.A. Cup success of Ipswich Town in reaching the Final for the first time in the club's history more than made up for their poor League showing this season. Ipswich can add in mitigation injuries to star players have not helped their cause. But even when at full strength they have given some inconsistent displays.

Ipswich's finest performance of the season was a 3-0 Portman Road victory against Barcelona in the Third Round, first-leg of the U.E.F.A. Cup. But Barcelona won the second-leg by the same score and went through on penalties after Johan Cruyff, who had a quiet game at Ipswich, burst into World class form in Spain.

The Barcelona match at Ipswich was also notable for the return of Colin Viljoen, Ipswich's gifted midfielder, absent for two years.



Ipswich Town manager Bobby Robson (above) had a brilliant playing career as an attacking wing-half, but he was often switched into the attack. Bobby first joined Fulham in 1950 and had won an England Under-23 cap with them before West Bromwich signed him in 1956 and with the Midland club he won 20 full England caps before moving back to Fulham in August, 1962 for £20,000.

In May, 1967 he was released by the London club to become manager of the Canadian club Vancouver. He returned to England to become manager of Fulham in January, 1968. Bobby left Fulham in November of the same year and in January, 1969 took over at Ipswich.



Mick Mills (left) is stopped by Arsenal's Willie Young. The two clubs meet again in the F.A. Cup Final on May 6th.

GROUND:
Portman Road.

SIZE OF PITCH:
112 yards by 72 yards.

TELEPHONE No:
Ipswich 51306 and 57107.

NICKNAME:
'Blues' or 'Town'.

COLOURS:
Royal blue shirts with three white stripes down the sleeves, white shorts with three thin blue stripes down side, royal blue stockings with three white hoops at top.



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BACK ROW (left to right): Allan Hunter, Russell Osman, Laurie Sivell, Paul Cooper, Kevin Beattie, Colin Viljoen.
MIDDLE ROW: Trevor Whymark, George Butler, John Wark, Robin Turner, David Geddis.

HTOWN



Roger Osborne, Brian Talbot.
FRONT ROW: Cyril Lea (coach), Les Tibbott,
Paul Mariner, Mick Mills, Eric Gates, Clive
Woods, Mick Lambert, Bobby Robson (man-
ager).

GOALS SIGHTS SIGHTS

continued PEN-PICTURES

(L.App:— League Appearances; G:— Goals; S:— Substitutes. All records to end of February, 1978.)

KEVIN BEATTIE: Central defender who has been unlucky with injuries in the past two seasons. Kevin was the first winner of the P.F.A. 'Young Player of the Year' award in 1974. England Under-23 international with nine full caps. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 12.6. Born Carlisle. L. App:— 183 and 2 sub. G:— 22.

GEORGE BURLEY: Full-back who signed professional for Ipswich in June, 1973 after being rejected by Leeds United. Has since gone on to win Scottish Under-21 and Under-23 caps. Born Cumnock. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 10.11. L. App:— 151. G:— 2.

PAUL COOPER: Goalkeeper first signed on loan from Birmingham in April, 1974 and was then signed permanently for £30,000 in July of the same year. Born Cannock. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.3. L. App:— Birmingham 17, Ipswich 104.

ERIC GATES: Hard working midfielder who signed professional in October, 1972 who made many appearances as substitute before making his full debut at Derby in October, 1975. Born Ferryhill. Ht. 5.5. Wt. 10.4. L. App:— 35 and 25 sub. G:— 4.

DAVID GEDDIS: Striker signed professional in August, 1975. Product of the Ipswich youth scheme and has won a place in the first team this season after two substitute appearances last term. Born Carlisle. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— Luton (on loan) 9 and 4 sub, Ipswich 11 and 7 sub. G:— Luton (on loan) 4, Ipswich 3.



ALLAN HUNTER



Kevin Beattie (right) and John Wark celebrate Ipswich's F.A. Cup Semi-Final victory against West Brom.



PAUL MARINER

ALLAN HUNTER: Central defender and skipper of Northern Ireland and has 46 caps for his country. Signed from Blackburn Rovers for £65,000 in September, 1971. Born Sion Mills. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.9. L. App:— Oldham 83, Blackburn 84, Ipswich 249. G:— Oldham 1, Blackburn 2, Ipswich 6.

MICK LAMBERT: Winger signed professional in December, 1967. Born Balsham. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.7. L. App:— 180 and 18 sub. G:— 38.

PAUL MARINER: Striker and Ipswich Town's most expensive signing when they paid Plymouth Argyle £220,000 in a deal involving two Ipswich players moving to Plymouth in October, 1976. Has made rapid strides at Ipswich and now has three full England caps and won an England B cap v West Germany in February. Born Bolton. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— 134 and 1 sub, Ipswich 55. G:— Plymouth 56, Ipswich 19.

MICK MILLS: Defender and club skipper who was released as a Youth player by Portsmouth and signed professional in February, 1966. Won his 14th full England cap v West Germany in February and has Under-23 appearances to his name. Born Godalming. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.4. L. App:— 410 and 4 sub. G:— 13.

ROGER OSBORNE: Midfielder signed professional in October, 1972 and has appeared often in the Town League side. Born Otley. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 91 and 13 sub. G:— 9.

RUSSELL OSMAN: Versatile defender who can operate at full-back or as a central defender who signed professional in March, 1976.

Russell once captained the England RUGBY schools side. Born Derby. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.10. L. App:— 19.

BRIAN TALBOT: Midfielder who having signed professional in August, 1972 really shot to fame in the 1976-77 season. He now has five full England caps to add to his Under-21 appearances. Born Ipswich. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.11. L. App:— 143. G:— 20.

LES TIBBOTT: Defender signed professional in March, 1973 and having skippered Wales Under-21 team is now a member of the full team. Born Oswestry. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L. App:— 37 and 2 sub.

ROBIN TURNER: Striker signed professional in April, 1973. Born Carlisle. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.1. L. App:— 6 and 7 sub.

COLIN VILJOEN: Midfielder signed professional in August, 1967 and made a welcome return to the Ipswich side after being absent for two years owing to injury. Two full caps for England. Born Johannesburg (South Africa). Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.0. L. App:— 302 and 2 sub. G:— 46.

JOHN WARK: Defender or midfield signed professional in August, 1974 and has followed up his Scottish Under-21 appearances by being selected in Scotland's World Cup 40. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 11.9. L. App:— 43. G:— 11.

TREVOR WHYMARK: Striker signed professional in May, 1969. England Under-23 international who won his first full cap v Luxembourg this season. Born Burston. Ht. 5.10½. Wt. 10.9. L. App:— 238 and 6 sub. G:— 71.

CLIVE WOODS: Winger noted for his speed and skill and now one of the finest in the League. Signed professional in June, 1969. Born Norwich. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.5. L. App:— 153 and 51 sub. G:— 16.

HOW TO GET TO PORTMAN ROAD
The town centre is five minutes' walk from Portman Road and only a two-minute walk from Ipswich railway station. Local buses run past the ground.

IF YOU TRAVEL BY CAR

There are large car parks in Portman Road, Portman's Walk and off Princess Street at Greyfriars Park.



CLIVE WOODS

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug			
20	Arsenal.....	H	1-0
24	Derby Co.....	A	0-0
27	Man. Utd.....	A	0-0
Sept			
3	Chelsea.....	H	1-0
10	Leeds U.....	A	1-2
17	Liverpool.....	H	1-1
24	Middlesbrough.....	A	1-1
Oct			
1	Newcastle U.....	H	2-1
4	Nottm. For.....	A	0-4
8	W.B.A.....	A	0-1
15	Birmingham C.....	H	5-2
22	Coventry C.....	A	1-1
29	West Ham.....	H	0-2
Nov			
5	Man. City.....	H	1-0
12	Leicester C.....	A	1-2
19	Everton.....	H	3-3
26	Wolves.....	A	0-0
Dec			
3	Aston Villa.....	H	2-0
10	Bristol C.....	A	0-2
17	Leicester C.....	H	1-0
26	Norwich C.....	A	0-1
27	Q.P.R.....	H	3-2
31	Derby Co.....	H	1-2
Jan			
2	Arsenal.....	A	0-1
14	Man. Utd.....	H	1-2
21	Chelsea.....	A	3-5
Feb			
4	Leeds U.....	H	0-1
25	Newcastle U.....	A	1-0
Mar			
4	W.B.A.....	H	2-2
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21	Middlesbrough.....	H	1-1
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25	Q.P.R.....	A	3-3
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11	Birmingham C.....	A	0-0
15	Everton.....	A	0-0
18	Liverpool.....	A	0-0
22	Bristol C.....	H	0-0
25	Nottm. For.....	H	0-0
29	Aston Villa.....	A	0-0
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WORLD WIDE

Compiled by Chris Davies

• While recently-promoted Munich 1860 and Hamburg club St Pauli look like being relegated first time up, the third promoted club VfB Stuttgart are doing very well with starlet Hans Müller the big attraction. With a capacity 73,000 at their Neckarstadion, VfB have averaged 50,000 this season which is 68.4 per cent. of capacity for every game. Top of the League 1st FC Köln have averaged only 28,000 (46 per cent.) while the surprise of the season is VfL Bochum, averaging 36,000 for home games in their capacity 38,000 stadium for an average of 94.7 per cent.

SENT-OFF — NOT BANNED — BANNED — NOT SENT-OFF!

• A row has broken out in Holland regarding the sending-off of one player, who wasn't suspended, and the banning of another, who wasn't even shown the red card.

P.S.V.'s Harry Lubbe was dismissed for the first time in his career against Den Haag and because of his previous good record the KNVB (Dutch F.A.) took no further action.

The same weekend, MVV played SC Amersfoort and MVV's Jo Bonfrere seemed to push an opponent, although the ref didn't take any action.

An F.A. official on the terraces reported the incident, however, and Bonfrere was suspended for four games.

MVV are seriously thinking about taking the case to court. Should a player, who wasn't punished by the referee, be punished by another party?



IVAN BULJAN, the Yugoslav who joined Hamburger SV at the same time as Kevin Keegan, has been very unlucky with injuries. And, of course, being out of the team costs a player money. Buljan had some good news recently — he won £2,500 on the pools.

Rivelino's Fortune

BRAZIL captain Rivelino (below) ended all rumours that he will be joining the Cosmos when he signed a new two-year contract with Fluminense before leaving for his country's European tour.

Rivelino, 31, will be earning a fortune in his final years. His basic salary will be £4,000 per month in the first year, rising to £6,000 in the second.

On top of this, the Brazil captain is to receive a minimum of £2,000 bonus for every Fluminense victory with half of that for a draw. In defeat he will earn "only" his basic salary.

If Fluminense do well in the Brazilian Championship, Rivelino's earnings in his last two years could be around £400,000.

Nice work if you can get it...



• Portuguese star Eusebio won't be playing for Seiko of Hong Kong. They offered him £1,250 per month, but he insisted on £1,000 each week. No deal...

Tears as Barcelona lose

BARCELONA'S £200,000 signing from Racing Santander, "Torito" Zaviria (left), has had an unhappy season. The Barcelona fans haven't taken to him at all, and have repeatedly whistled their disapproval every time he touches the ball.

Things took an even nastier turn for the Argentinian-born winger after a recent League match in Seville. With the score at 1-1 and only eight minutes to play, Barcelona were awarded a seemingly decisive penalty.

Zaviria stepped up, deceived Sevilla keeper Gustavo Fernandez and rolled the ball wide! Sevilla immediately broke upfield; Olmo brought down Montero; Scotta hammered home the spot-kick; and in 60 seconds Barcelona had lost two vital points in their title battle with Real Madrid, who were comfortably beating Real Sociedad 5-0.

Zaviria left the field weeping bitterly...

Günter Netzer, Jürgen Grabowski and Willi Schulz, all ex-West German World Cup stars, have been accredited as journalists to report in Argentina.

ARGENTINA'S Metropolitan Championship has got off to a quiet start, with a lot of teams badly affected by the absence of their World Cup stars. After six games Racing led the field with only nine points, followed by Unión and Gimnasia with eight; and Huracán, Rosario Central, River Plate and Newell's Old Boys with seven.

Have you ever heard a Partridge singing? At the end of the European Cup match between Atlético Madrid and F.C. Bruges, the Spanish Press flocked round referee Pat Partridge. In view of U.E.F.A.'s ban on post-match comments, Mr. Partridge greeted the Spanish radio microphones... with a song!

WEST GERMAN T.V. stations ARD and ZDF are calculating the costs involved in screening World Cup matches. With a total of 86 technicians, etc., in Argentina, plus the T.V. fees, they estimate it will cost for their 105 hours planned screening time of matches, 1,125 DM (app. £280) per minute.

• An enormous balloon will float above the River Plate stadium in Buenos Aires throughout the World Cup. The balloon will be 32 feet in diameter and painted to resemble a football.

SPAIN'S PROBLEM

• The big problem facing Spain's national team manager Ladislao Kubala is the shortage of home-grown strikers for his World Cup squad. The regular central striker is Ruben Cano, but when he was injured recently, Kubala had to call in Alonso from Second Division Real Zaragoza.

Alonso has shot to fame this term by scoring 16 goals in 31 matches. Mind you, he's scored 14 of these at home and only two away.

Maybe Kubala is hoping the World Cup will be played in Zaragoza!

ARGENTINA'S World Cup squad will receive a bonus of £10,000 a man if they manage to become World Champions in June. The Argentina F.A. have agreed to a sliding scale of bonuses that starts with £140 a point for the preliminary phase, plus £1,900 a man for qualifying. In the later stages the bonuses will get progressively larger.

ARE WIVES WANTED

• Should wives accompany their husbands to the World Cup Finals? The Peruvian F.A. had a poll amongst their players' wives and only two were against the idea. Further investigation disclosed the two objecting wives — señoras Cubillas and Rojas, were, shall we say, not on the best of terms with their husbands! The same investigation in Brazil showed all wives were against accompanying their husbands to Argentina... but for a different reason. They didn't want to interfere with their husbands' football.

• Someone who wished to remain anonymous sent £25 to the West German club Kaiserslautern after an announcement the club needed money. The cash came from a prisoner in an Austrian jail...

• Worried by terrorist threats, the KNVB have asked Dutch Foreign Minister Mr. Christoph Van der Klaauw for the services of a team of state secret service agents to go with their team to Argentina for protection.



• In West Germany's 14 World Cup warm-up games, manager Helmut Schön has used 29 different players and only Heiner Bonhof (above) and Berti Vogts have played in every match.

SHOOT: Congratulations on reaching Argentina, Giacinto. Was there ever a time when you thought England might qualify instead of Italy?

FACCHETTI: Thank you. It's nice to appear in SHOOT again. To answer your first question: When you are up against England you can only be certain when you have achieved your target. The turning point was when we beat Finland 6-1. That day I felt sure we'd qualify as it left us a relatively easy task against Luxembourg.

SHOOT: Where did England go wrong?

FACCHETTI: I don't think England did anything wrong, really. They were unfortunate the World Cup qualifying games were played when they were not at their best. The England team was going through an unhappy spell in its history, although I think they are improving now and will be back at the top again soon.

SHOOT: What did you think of England at Wembley, when they won 2-0?

FACCHETTI: They played very well, but I'd like to point out the way we played — we were a little too relaxed — helped England.

SHOOT: Some people said you weren't bothered at Wembley, that Italy were as good as through anyway.

FACCHETTI: Yes, that is true, but the injury to Grazini in the first-half made us play that way. However, I agree we were virtually certain to win the group at the time.

SHOOT: Most British critics thought the Italian tackling that night was dreadful at times. Would you agree?

FACCHETTI: No. After all, it was Italy who had two players injured at Wembley. I believe there is a Press campaign out to blacken my country. Our tackles are just the same as any other country's and from this point of view I did not see any difference between England and Italy.

SHOOT: For you, Giacinto, Argentina will be your fourth World Cup Finals. However, there have been whispers you may be dropped...

FACCHETTI: It all depends on my physical condition in May. I broke a rib against Juventus early in April and I can't say right now how I'll be in two or three weeks. It all hinges on what Enzo Bearzot thinks.

SHOOT: How has the World Cup changed since your first appearance in 1966?

FACCHETTI: Many teams play without fixed roles these days. It's been given the tag "total football" and it's usual to see a defender coming forward and an attacker dropping back. Another significant difference is these days you don't find very many "soft touches" at international level.

SHOOT: Do you enjoy football as much as you did when you were younger?

FACCHETTI: Yes, I do and this is very important. When you lose interest in the game, that's the time to pack it in.

World Cup



Argentina '78

CAPTAINS

No. 12 Giacinto Facchetti ITALY

'A Press campaign blackens my country'



ABOVE . . . Italy pose for cameras before their friendly in West Germany this year. Back row: Gentile, Graziani, Zoff, Bettiga, Mozzini, Bennetti. Front row: Causio, Facchetti, Antognoni, Zaccarelli and Tardelli. Italy lost this game, yet many people still rate them amongst the World Cup favourites.

against all the people concerned. This puts a lot of pressure on players, which is why we play it tight, especially away from home. But yes, there is room for improvement by us in this department.

SHOOT: How does the current Italy team compare with other sides you've played in?

FACCHETTI: The side that finished second in Mexico eight years ago was our best one, and it's too early to say how this team can progress. We must wait a little longer to find out.

SHOOT: Italy were heavily criticised after the '66 and '74 World Cups. Does the prospect of another failure haunt you?

FACCHETTI: I don't believe this can happen again as this time we are drawn in a very difficult group, with hosts Argentina, France and Hungary. A lot of Italians think we won't qualify for the Second Round so the players aren't under as much pressure as usual. This could work to our advantage as a relaxed team plays better football.

SHOOT: How well do you think you'll do in Argentina?

FACCHETTI: If we're fit, I feel sure we can qualify for the later stages.

SHOOT: Is it fair to say Italy are bad travellers?

FACCHETTI: No. For instance, when an English team plays abroad it rarely reaches the standard it does at home. This is the same for everyone.

SHOOT: What sort of World Cup do you think it will be? Attacking . . . defensive . . . violent?

FACCHETTI: A bit of everything! Knowing the South Americans to be hot-tempered, I expect we will have to fight for every ball.

SHOOT: Which teams do you fear most?

FACCHETTI: Argentina in our group and Brazil from the rest.

SHOOT: As you said, Group One is very hard, undoubtedly the hardest. One or two other groups seem relatively easy by comparison. Was the draw fair?



RIGHT . . . Argentina against Peru in Buenos Aires this year. Italy face Argentina in Group One, a situation which has helped to take the pressure off the Italians.

BELOW . . . Italy v West Germany, 1970. The Italy side that came second in Mexico was a very good one, believes Facchetti.



FACCHETTI: It is not possible to forecast a draw and when it's known you must accept it. We in Italy called the World Cup a "tamed draw". The authorities made sure the weak sides weren't all drawn together. Maybe something should have been done in the opposite way to ensure Italy, Argentina, France and Hungary weren't in the same group. The draw could have been "tamed" in a more even way.

SHOOT: Which players do you

think will emerge as superstars in Argentina?

FACCHETTI: It's difficult to predict at the moment. I don't know the South Americans that well, but perhaps someone will emerge to make a big name for himself.

SHOOT: How much will the large Italian community in Argentina help you?

FACCHETTI: It'll be good for us, although I can't see it helping us that much. Remember, we had a lot of travelling fans in West Germany four years ago and failed. We must play well firstly and then the supporters can help us. We must

make the first positive move, though.

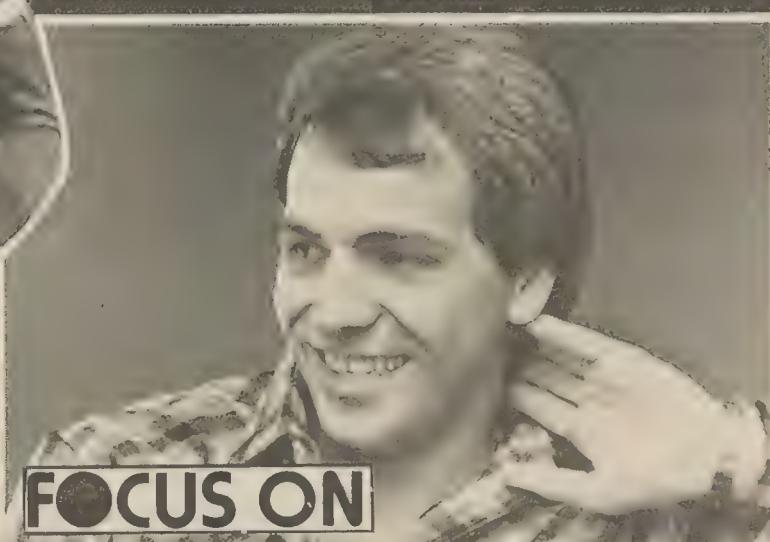
SHOOT: What of Scotland's prospects? Which of their players do you admire most?

FACCHETTI: Scotland can do very well. I'd tell them to beware of "easy" Peru because, like all South Americans, Peru will be skilful. Having said that, Scotland must surely qualify from their group. Their big star is Kenny Dalglish.

SHOOT: And after the World Cup — what will you do?

FACCHETTI: Assuming I'm picked for the Finals — and I take nothing for granted — I'll hang up my boots afterwards. I plan to enrol at the Coverciano F.A. course and hope to stay in football as a manager.

• Interview by Giuseppe Matarrese.



FOCUS ON

Roberto Bettega JUVENTUS

FULL NAME: Roberto Bettega

BIRTHPLACE: Turin

BIRTHDATE: December 27th, 1950

HEIGHT: 6ft 1in

WEIGHT: 12st 3lb

PREVIOUS CLUB: Varese (one year on loan)

MARRIED: Yes

CHILDREN: Two, Elisabetta and Luca

CAR: Fiat 132

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Allan

Simonsen of Borussia

Monchengladbach

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Luzi Pereira of Atletico Madrid and Brazil

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:

Winning the U.E.F.A. Cup Final in Bilbao last season

BIGGEST THRILL: Scoring the goal that clinched the Championship against Sampdoria last season

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Ajax in the 1973 European Cup Final

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil

FAVOURITE FOOD: Vitello tonnato — veal with tuna fish sauce

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:

Bowling, tennis

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

Waiting

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Bonete, Ioro and Portobello

FAVOURITE SINGER: Lucio Battisti

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:

Paul Newman, Jacqueline Bisset

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My first trainer, Mario Pedrale

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: The weekend hide-out where we go before matches

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

Full caps

PERSONAL AMBITION: To become more important in football when I retire

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To help Juve win the European Cup

IF YOU WEREN'T A

FOOTBALLER WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A surveyor

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Jacqueline Bisset

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

THIRD DIVISION

(continued)

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Hughes) 4,277
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Chamberlain) Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Camp (Oakes), Anderson, Robson.
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Beech, Griffiths, Bromage (Sproson), Harris, Hawkins, Dulson, Lamb, Moore, Chamberlain, Bailey.

SWINDON (1) 1 (Kamara) 4,275
CHESTER (0) 1 (Phillips) Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Ford, Stroud (Cunningham), Carter, Prophett, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Bates.
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker (Jones), Nickeas, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Edwards (I), Mellor, Phillips.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (2) 4 (Dixon, Dungworth 2, 1 pen, Bell) 2,221
GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Brolly, Donovan) 3,606
 Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Bell, Dungworth, Hooper.
 Grimsby: Wainman, Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Brolly, Liddell, Donovan, Partridge, Ford.

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Finnigan) 1,760
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (McGowan) 2,221
 Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Impay, Brown, Borthwick (Paterson), Johnson, Showers, Finnigan, Lennard, Riley.
 Northampton: Jayes; Geidmittis, Mead, Best, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington, Liddle, Hall (McGowan), Reilly, Christie.

CREWE (0) 1 (Lugg) 1,760
READING (1) 1 (Bowman) 1,760
 Crewe: Cradginton; Bevan, Roberts, Lugg, Rimmer, Purdie, Davies (D), Cheetham, Spence, Davies (W), McGinley.
 Reading: Death (Kearney); Peters, White, Brown, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cumming, Davies.

NEWPORT (0) 2 (Goddard, Walker) 9,400
WATFORD (1) 2 (Downes, Jenkins) 9,400
 Newport: Turner; Byrne, Relish, Aizlewood, Walker (R), McLaughlin, Walker (S), Goddard, Clark, Sinclair (Guscott), Williams.
 Watford: Rankin; Bolton, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Blissett, Jenkins, Joslyn, Mayes.

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Parker) 7,120
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 Southend: Freeman; Young, Yates, Laverick, Townsend, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Polycarpou.
 Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant (Summerill), Bradley, Briley, Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Connell, Cork, Parsons.

SWANSEA (1) 3 (Toshack, Curtis, James pen.) 7,400
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Thompson pen.) 7,400
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bruton, Charles, James (R), Curtis, Toshack, Moore (K).
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Faulkner, Fogarty, Summerbee, Halford, Park (Fletcher), Prudham, Howard.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

LEAGUE CUP FINAL

LIVERPOOL 0
NOTTM FOREST 0 aet at Wembley 92,000
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy (Fairclough), Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Callaghan.
 Nottm F: Woods; Anderson, Clark, McGovern (O'Hare), Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (4) 4 (Stapleton 2, Sunderland, Price) 28,463
BRISTOL C (1) 1 (Tainton) 28,463
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, (Rix), Macdonald, Stapleton, Hudson.
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Mann, Whitehead.

ASTON VILLA (2) 4 (Gregory 2, Deehan, Mortimer) 28,275

West Ham: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Gregory, Little, Deehan, Cowans, Carrodus.
 West Ham: Ferguson; McDowell, Lampard, Curbishley, Taylor (T), Bonds, Devonshire (Martin), Holland, Cross, Brooking, Hales.

CHELSEA (0) 2 (Harris, Swain pen.) 22,777
NEWCASTLE (1) 2 (Burns pen., McGhee)

Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Finnieston, Wilkins (R) (Swain), Langley, Lewington, Walker.
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Natrass, Kennedy, Barton, Bird, Blackley (Kelly), Scott, Burns, Larnach, McGhee, Walker.

DERBY (0) 1 (Curran) 19,843
BIRMINGHAM (2) 3 (Connolly, Francis, Bertschin)

Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Riach, Daniel, Powell, Curran, Daly, Masson (Corish), George, Crawford.
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Connolly.

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Woods) 21,110
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Osgood)

Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne, Wark, Mariner (Lambert), Turner, Woods.

Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Nardiello (Beck), Wallace, Osgood, Powell, Hutchison.

LEEDS (2) 5 (Hankin, Graham 2, Bailey o.g., Clarke) 25,158

Leeds: Harvey; Madeley, Gray (F), Lorimer, Hart, Cherry (Harris), Flynn, Hankin, Currie, Clarke, Graham.

Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, McAndrew, Ashcroft, Cummins, Armstrong.

LEICESTER (1) 2 (Williams, Davies) 13,077

Norwich: Ryan (2) 13,077
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rose, Kelly, Williams, Webb, Weller, Hughes (Kember), Davies, Salmons, Smith.

Norwich: Hansbury; Ryan, Sullivan, McGuire, Jones, Powell, Robson, Suggett, Reeves, Paddon, Peters.

MAN. U. (1) 1 (McQueen) 46,329

W.B.A. (0) 1 (Robertson) 14,033
 Man. U: Steppen; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Greenhoff (B), Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill (McGrath).

W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Cunningham, Regis, Trewick, Johnston.

WOLVES (1) 1 (Hazzell) 20,583

MAN. CITY (0) 1 (Bell) 17,708
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Black, Carr, Richards, Refferty, Patching.

Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Channon, Bell, Kidd, Power, Barnes.

SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON 0 23,770

Bolton: McDonagh; Ritson, Walsh, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowling, Reid, Worthington.

Southampton: Wells; Andruszewski, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Heberd (Funnell).

BRISTOL R (1) 2 (Randall, Daines o.g.) 17,708

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Harding, Taylor (S), Prince, Barry, Pulis, Gould, Powell, Randall (Hendrie).

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hodde, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Jones, Lee, Taylor.

C. PALACE 0 26,305

Brighton: Burridge; Hinshelwood, Sansom, Fenwick, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Graham, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Murphy.

Brighton: Steele; Clark, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrence, Potts, Poskett, Maybank, Sayer, O'Sullivan.

HULL (1) 1 (Hawley) 5,936

Burnley: Fletcher, Ingham, Noble (pen)

Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Croft, Roberts, Nisbet, Haigh, Warboys, Hawley, Galvin.

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Smith.

LUTON (1) 4 (West, Futcher (R), Boersma, Fuccillo) 6,041

Luton: Aleksić; Price, Carr, Hill, Faulkner, Futcher (P), Stein, West, Futcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Milligan, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Tong (Wilson), Chandler, Walsh, Ainscow, Waldron.

OLDHAM (0) 1 (Taylor) 7,578

Oldham: Platt; Hoolickin, Wood, Bell (Young), Hicks, Holt, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Gardner, Chapman.

Cardiff: Healey; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Dwyer, Bishop, Went, Giles, Buchanan.

SHEFF. UTD (1) 5 (Campbell 2, Woodward pen., Speight, Stainrod) 11,595

Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert Speight, Franks, Flynn, Woodward, Keeley, Campbell (Edwards), Hamson, Stainrod.

Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Walker, Kitchener, Hazell, Pearson, Allen, Hamilton, Lee, Cross (Mehmet).

STOKE (0) 4 (Crooks 3, 1 pen., Scott) 18,989

Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Curtis, Metcalfe, Keeley, Waddington, Brotherston (Lewis), Taylor, Radford, Parkes, Wagstaffe.

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Lee) 14,033

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Clarke, Docherty, Ashurst, Armstrong, Lee, Gilbert (Elliott), Rowell.

Mansfield: Arnold; Pate, Foster (B) Sharkey (Aston), Saxby, Wood, Miller, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Martin.

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Kemp) 5,095

Carlisle: Swinburn; Carr, Collins, McDonald, McCartney, Parker, McVitie, Kemp, Tait, Clarke, Hamilton.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Buttress, Overton, Young, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price (Weatherly), Westwood, Richardson.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Green, Fern) 3,913

Chesterfield: Letheran; Tatt, Burton, Chamberlain, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Green, Dearden, Kowalski.

Bury: Forrest; Thomson, Kennedy, Hatton, Bailey, Wilson, Stanton, Sudick (Madden), Rowland, Robins, McIlwraith.

HEREFORD (1) 2 (Layton, Crompton) 4,024

Hereford: Mellor; Emery (Holmes), Burrows, Corne, Layton, Sheedy, Stephens, Marshall, Crompton, Barton, Spiring.

Bradford: Downsbrough; Podd, Wood (Cooke), Fretwell, Baines, Spark, Johnson, Dolan, McNiven, Wright, Hutchins.

LINCOLN (2) 3 (Harford, Wigginton pen., Jones) 8,811

Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Leigh, Neale, Wiggin, Cooper, Jones, Harford, Graham, Hubbard, Hardinge.

Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Mullen, Hedley, Wyld, Hornsby, Tynan, Johnson, Porterfield.

PLYMOUTH (1) 2 (Fear, Johnson) 5,726

Plymouth: Barron; Harrison, Uzzell, Bason, Foster, James, Johnson, Taylor, Perrin, Fear, Megan.

Oxford: Burton; King, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, Seacole, Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.

PORTRSMOUTH (1) 2 (Garwood, Denyer) 8,575

Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Taylor, Ellis, Cahill, Denyer, Pular, Lathan, Garwood, Mellows, McCaffrey.

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Muhern) 13,683
WALSALL (0) 0 Walsall: Niedzwiecki; Hill, McGuire, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lyons, Whittle (Griffiths), Cartwright.

PRESTON 0 9,189
EXETER 0 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson (Spavin), Elwiss, Bruce.

Exeter: Key; Templeman, Roberts, Bowker, Giles, Hore, Delve, Kellow, Randell, Holman, Hodge.

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 (Green, Rhodes) 3,655

Rotherham: McAllister; Pugh, Breckin, Rhodes, Forrest, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Nix.

Tranmere: Johnson; Matchias, Cliff, Parry (Philpotts), Bramhall, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Shinton)

WALSALL (0) 0 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, McGuire, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lyons, Whittle (Griffiths), Cartwright.

Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans (Austin), Dennehy, Bates, Wood, Buckley, King.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNESLEY (1) 1 (Joicey pen.) 8,492
HUDDERSFIELD (1) 1 (Gray)

Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Nixon (Warnock), Joicey, Prendergast, Little, Brown.

Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Branagan, Butler, Hart, Eccles, Johnson (Armstrong), Gray.

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (McCulloch, Phillips)

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0 7,500
 Brentford: Bond; Salman, Tucker, Shrub, Kruse, Graham (W), Graham (J), Carlton, Allard, McCulloch, Phillips.

Hartlepool: Edgar (Creamer), Malone, Wiggett, Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G), Creamer (Smith T.), McMordie, Newton, Lineac, Bielby.

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Lyons pen.)

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Owen) 1,772
 Darlington: Burleigh; Stone, Cochrane, Crosson (Wann), Hague, Craig, Maitland, Lyons, Jones (C), Seal, Young.

Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hemsley, Oiley, Cannell, Taylor, Bailey, Bowden, Habbin, Owen, Jones (M) (Meagan).

HALIFAX (2) 2 (Flavell, Smith)

SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (Cooper) 1,680
 Halifax: Leonard; Bradley, Loska, Smith, Burke, Dunleavy, Carroll, Johnston, Mountford, Flavell, Bell.

Southport: Cumbers; Kisby, Snookes, O'Neill, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Howarth, Cooper, Gay.



Billy Rodaway played a vital part in Burnley's 3-1 away win against Hull City.

ROCHDALE (0) 1 (O'Loughlin pen.) 1,046
 YORK (1) 2 (Randall 2) 1,046
 Rochdale: Slack; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Morris, Scott, Bannon, Seddon, Scaife, Melledew, Esser, Owen.
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Toppling, James (Hunter), Novacki, Young, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
 TORQUAY (0) 1 (Green) 2,169
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, O'Donnell, Grimes, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg (Heron).
 Torquay: Wake; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Green, Darke, Coffill, Bouton, Lawrence, Brown, Tomlin.



SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP FINAL

CELTIC (0) 1 (Edvaldsson)
 RANGERS (1) 2 (Cooper, Smith) a.e.t. at Hampden Park 60,168
 Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, Lynch (Wilson), Munro, McDonald, Dowie, Glavin (Doyle), Edvaldsson, McCluskey, Aitken, Burns.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Hamilton (Parlane), Johnstone, Smith, Cooper (Miller).

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (0) 0
 ST MIRREN (0) 1 (McGarvey) 5,254
 Ayr: McGiffen; McDonald, Connor, Hyslop, Fleming, Hannah, Walker (McSherry), McLaughlin, McLelland, McCall, Cramond.
 St Mirren: McCulloch; Beckett, Abercrombie, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Munro, Stark, Bone (Dunlop), Richardson, McGarvey.

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
 HIBS (2) 3 (Hutchinson, McLeod 2) 1,500
 Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Houston (Elghanian), O'Brien, McColl, Miller, Lumsden, Ronalds (Gourlay).
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremer, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Brazil, Higgins.

DUNDEE UTD 0
 ABERDEEN 0 9,671
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rennie, Kopal, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Addison, Wallace, Holt, Payne.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Archibald, Fleming (Strachan), Jarvie, Davidson.

PARTICK (0) 2 (O'Hara, Houston)
 MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Pettigrew, Clingin 2) 5,000
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, Anderson, Campbell (McAdam), Houston, Gibson, O'Hara, Sonner, McQuade.
 Motherwell: Rennie; Wark, Kennedy, Millar, McVie, Stevens, Marinello (Watson), Pettigrew, Clingin, Davidson (McLeod), Mungall.

MONDAY, MARCH 20

FOURTH DIVISION

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Esser)
 GRIMSBY (1) 3 (Drinkell, Waters, Ford) 1,042
 Rochdale: Slack; Boslem, O'Loughlin, Morris, Scott, Bannon, Seddon, Scaife, Melledew, Esser, Owen.
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Booth, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Broily, Drinkell, Donovan, Lester, Ford.
 Postponed: (Third Division) Port Vale v Hereford.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

FIRST DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Francis)
 ARSENAL (0) 1 (Brady pen.) 22,087
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Page, Francis, Bertachin, Hibbitt, Connolly.
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, McDonald, Stapleton, Hudson.

BRISTOL C (2) 3 (Cormack pen., Gow, Rodgers) 19,961
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle (Gillies), Cormack, Mann.
 Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Finnieston (Garner), Swain, Langley, Lewington, Hay.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Davidson, Archibald)
 CLYDEBANK (0) 0 9,600
 Aberdeen: Clarke; Kennedy, Ritchie, McMASTER, Garner, Miller, Strachan, Archibald, Gibson (Grant), Jarvie, Davidson.
 Clydebank: Gallacher; Gourlay, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Houston, O'Brien, McColl, Millar, Lumsden, Ronalds (Bradbury).

RANGERS (0) 2 (MacDonald, Jardine)
 PARTICK (0) 1 (Somner) 16,000
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean (Parlane), Hamilton (Millar), Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr, McCadam, Anderson, Houston, Gibson, O'Hara, Somner (Melrose), Craig (Love).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

LEAGUE CUP FINAL replay

NOTTM FOREST (0) 1 (Robertson pen.)
 LIVERPOOL (0) 0 at Old Trafford 54,350
 Notts F: Woods; Anderson, Clark, O'Hare, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill, Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case (Fairclough), Heighway, McDermott, Callaghan.

FIRST DIVISION

W.B.A. (0) 2 (Brown A., Regis)
 Q.P.R. (0) 0 21,000
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick, Johnston.
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Shanks, Busby, James, McGee, Givens.

SECOND DIVISION

TOTTENHAM (0) 3 (McAlister, Lee 2)
 STOKE (1) 1 (Crooks) 30,646
 Tottenham: Daines; Stead, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Jones, Lee, Taylor.
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, O'Callaghan, Crooks (Thorley), Gregory.

THIRD DIVISION

EXETER 0
 SWINDON 0 4,449
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Delve, Giles (Hatch), Roberts, Hodge, Kellow, Randall, Bowker, Holman.
 Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Ford, Stroud, Carter, Proppert, Moss, Kamara, Guthrie, Bates, Trollope.

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Froggett)
 HEREFORD (0) 0 3,220
 Port Vale: Connaughton; Lumson, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Hawkins (Dulson), Chamberlain, Lamb, Froggett, Moore, Bailey (Dulson).
 Hereford: Mellor; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Marshall, Stephens, Sheedy, Crompton, Davey (Holmes), Barton.

FOURTH DIVISION

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Raper, Lawrence) 3,055
 NEWPORT (0) 0
 Torquay: Wake; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Green, Darke, Tomlin, Lawrence, Boult, Brown, Coffill.
 Newport: Plumley; Jones, Reish, Aizlewood, Walker (R), McLaughlin, Walker (S) (Guscott), Goddard, Clark, Sinclair, Williams.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

HIBS (3) 4 (Murray, Hutchinson 2, McLeod pen.)
 AYR (0) 2 (Masterton, McCulloch) 5,000
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremer, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Brazil (Duncan), Higgins.
 Ayr: McGiffen; Wells, Connor, Hyslop (Christie), Flemming, Kelly, McColl, McSherry, Masterton, Hannah (Cramond), McCulloch.

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Marinello 2)
 CELTIC (1) 1 (Craig) 9,613
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Millar, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Clinging, Davidson, Mungall.
 Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, Lynch, Munro, McDonald, Aitken (Burns), Glavin, Edvaldsson, Craig, Dowie, McCadam (Doyle).

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 24

FIRST DIVISION

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
 EVERTON (1) 2 (Latchford, McKenzie) 27,103
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Natrass, Kennedy, Burton, Bird, Nulty, Scott, Burns (Barrowclough), Larnach, McGhee, Walker.
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Daracott, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie (Pearson), Telfer.

WEST HAM (0) 3 (Cross 3)
 IPSWICH (0) 0 23,867
 West Ham: Ferguson; Bonds, Lampard, Curthill, Taylor (T), Green, Pike, Holland, Cross, Brooking, Hales.
 Ipswich: Cooper; Mills, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne (Lambert), Wark, Mariner, Turner, Woods.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Brotherston)
 HULL (0) 1 (Hawley) 11,560
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Waddington, Brotherston, Taylor, Redford, Parkes, Wagstaffe.
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Croft, Roberts, Nisbet, Lord, Warboys, Hawley, Haigh.

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Buchanan)
 BRIGHTON (0) 0 10,222
 Cardiff: Healey; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Giles, Evans (Bishop), Went, Buchanan.
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Rollings, Lawrence, Sayer, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan (Poskett).

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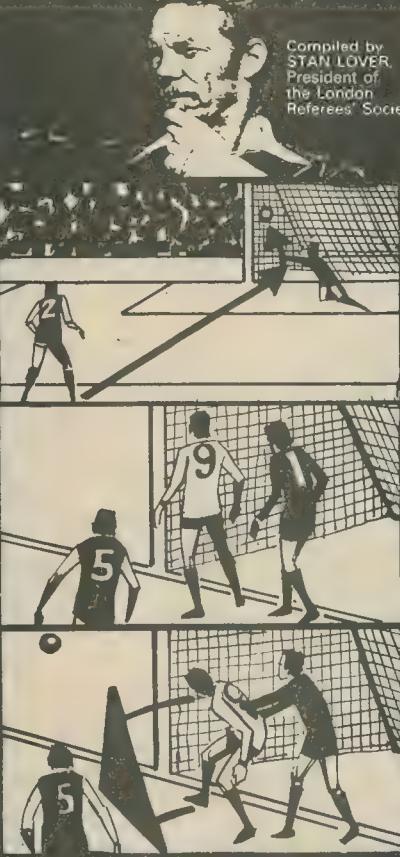
When you drop the ball a defender traps it and then plays it a second time before another player touches it. Do you (a) award a free-kick, (b) drop the ball again or (c) allow play to continue?

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A: A defender, taking a direct free-kick outside his own penalty-area, passes the ball back to his goalkeeper. The keeper touches the ball before it enters the goal. You award a corner-kick.

B: Before the corner-kick is taken an attacker stands on the goal-line, between the posts, and in front of the goalkeeper. You take no action.

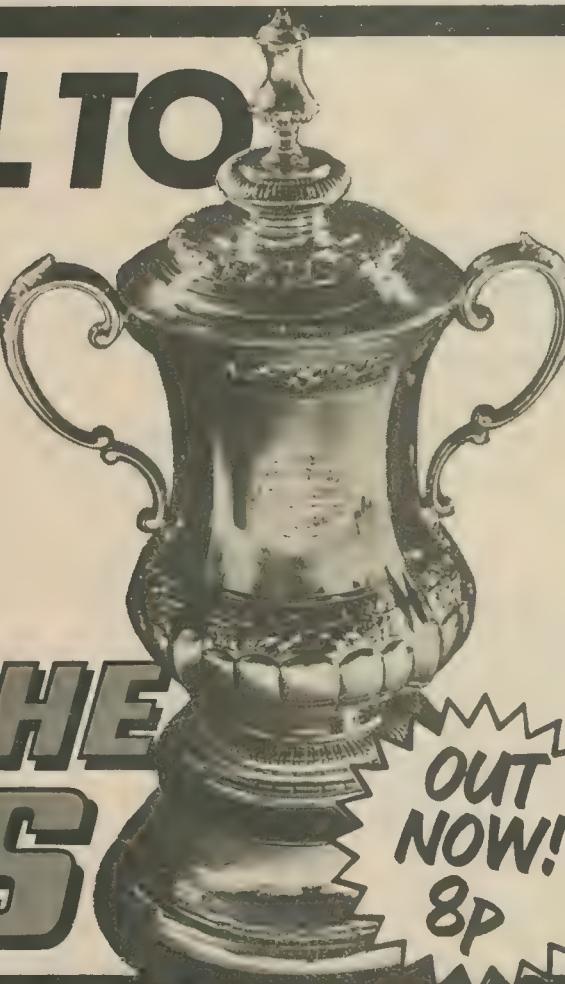
C: When the corner-kick is taken the attacker makes no attempt to play the ball. The goalkeeper pushes the attacker in order to play the ball. You decide to award a penalty-kick. (Where is the problem?)



ANSWERS . . .

1. Allow play to continue (c). There is no offence in playing the ball twice from a drop ball. 2. The problem is in A. A goal should be awarded because the ball was touched by the goalkeeper before it went into the goal. In B the attacker is not committing an offence provided he does not move to obstruct the goalkeeper. In C the penalty-kick decision is correct.

A CUP FINAL TO REMEMBER



Whatever happens at this year's Cup Final, you'll be always able to remember it, thanks to Roy of the Rovers. Because in this week's issue you get the first part of a great souvenir F.A. Cup Wallchart, with room for recording all the details you'll want to know. Club colours, managers, referee, half-time and full-time scores, scorers and, of course, your comments on the game. This really is a *must* for all football fans!

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'PLAYING FOR ENGLAND CAN BE EASIER THAN PLAYING FOR YOUR CLUB'

"It was great. I was tremendously proud to be there. A marvellous opportunity for any footballer..."

A casual listener could be forgiven for believing Joe Corrigan, Manchester City's lofty goalkeeper, was waxing lyrical at a champagne banquet after winning an F.A. Cup winners' medal at Wembley.

He would be grossly mistaken, for Corrigan was simply giving an appraisal of the part he played in the revival of the England B team after more than 20 years on ice.

Corrigan, chosen to play for England's reserve side against West Germany B in the snowy wastes of Augsburg, West Germany, on the eve of England's full international against the World Champions in February, was adamant.

"It's a winner," he beamed on his return to Manchester.

And if Corrigan has his way he will be the first to board the aircraft which taxis up to Heathrow's Terminal Three building at the end of May before jetting England B to New Zealand for a three-week tour.

'Proud'

"I'd be honoured to be selected for the trip," he says, adding proudly: "There is nothing second best about England B. You feel as much an England player with them as you do when you play for the senior squad."

Corrigan, who has won one full England cap, against Italy in 1976 as substitute for Jimmy Rimmer, symbolises a general air of optimism in an England camp rejuvenated since Ron Greenwood's arrival at Lancaster Gate.

It emanates from the playing success achieved by Greenwood's teams and also the players' belief England are on the road to recovery after the Revie era.

England B's 2-1 victory over West Germany B, masterminded by their manager Bobby Robson, boss of Ipswich, wholly justified the Football Association's decision to revive B internationals for the first time since England hammered Scotland 4-1, at Birmingham, in 1957.

"To come away and win has got to be a decent performance. But this was better than that," remarked Robson after victory in Augsburg.

Goals by Liverpool stars Terry McDermott and the sharp-shooting David Fairclough within seven minutes of the interval, destroyed the Germans, inflicting their first defeat in eight B internationals.

maintains Manchester City's Joe Corrigan, who has played for his country at full, "B" and Under-21 levels

Men like Corrigan, John Gidman (Aston Villa), Phil Thompson (Liverpool) and David Needham (Nottingham Forest) in defence, Gary Owen (Manchester City) substitute for Gordon Hill and Paul Mariner (Ipswich) in attack, so impressed the officials sitting on the England bench they are now earmarked for possible places in Ron Greenwood's full England team.

And as a result of their possible elevation in the next two seasons, the clamour for recognition at B-level has also intensified.

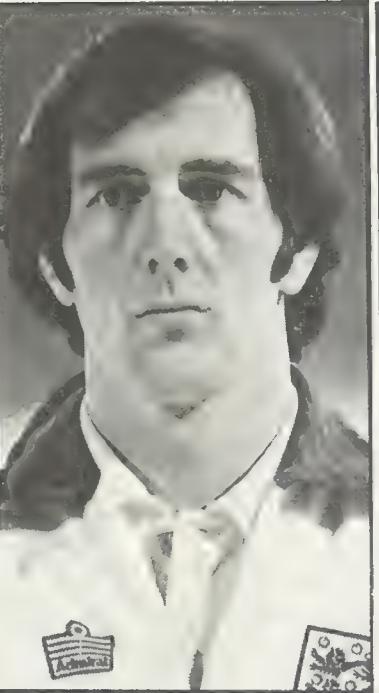
Corrigan echoes the view of most of his England B teammates: "It gives players on the

fringe of selection for the senior team the opportunity to show their capabilities.

"Under the old system of Under-23 internationals, age as much as ability dictated whether you played. Now, you can show your form to the England manager whether you are 22 or 32.

"Players would rather play active football as members of a B team than sit on the bench as a substitute for players in the senior squad.

"When you play you feel you have achieved something, whatever the level. As the recognised number three goalkeeper behind Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton, I



have every opportunity in the B set-up to show I am worthy of selection.

"It only needs an injury or some other unforeseen circumstance to give me my chance in the big time."

Corrigan reckons Greenwood's softly-softly approach to his new job has won the hearts and minds of England's best players.

"It's almost like playing for a big club," says Corrigan. "Robson, Dave Sexton, Brian Clough and Ken Burton, who run the B, Under-21 and England Youth teams, work closely with Ron Greenwood, and this spirit of co-operation between them filters through to the players.

"We're holding our heads up again. We're treated as adults and given responsibilities - we're expected to honour.

"Mr Greenwood's policy is to encourage players to reproduce the form they show on Saturdays at club level. Your club form is the reason you were chosen for the England squad", he says. "Now show me what you can do".

'No Fussy Rules'

"We're more relaxed under the new regime. We're not told when to go to bed, what to eat, what to drink and asked to obey other fussy rules."

"The new found team spirit showed when England Under-21 beat the strong Italy Under-21 side 2-1 on aggregate to gain a place in the U.E.F.A. Under-21 Championship Semi-Finals against Yugoslavia.

"In some ways, playing for England can be easier than playing for your club. I felt tremendously confident behind that England B defence in Augsburg. That's great for a goalkeeper," says Corrigan, now 29, but playing better than ever.

Official verdict on the decision to revive England B comes from F.A. headquarters.

"The administrators and players were delighted with our success in West Germany," said Alan Odell, Head of the F.A.'s International Department. "It seems to have bridged a gap in our system."



Corrigan safely collects for Manchester City against Arsenal.

A league prediction

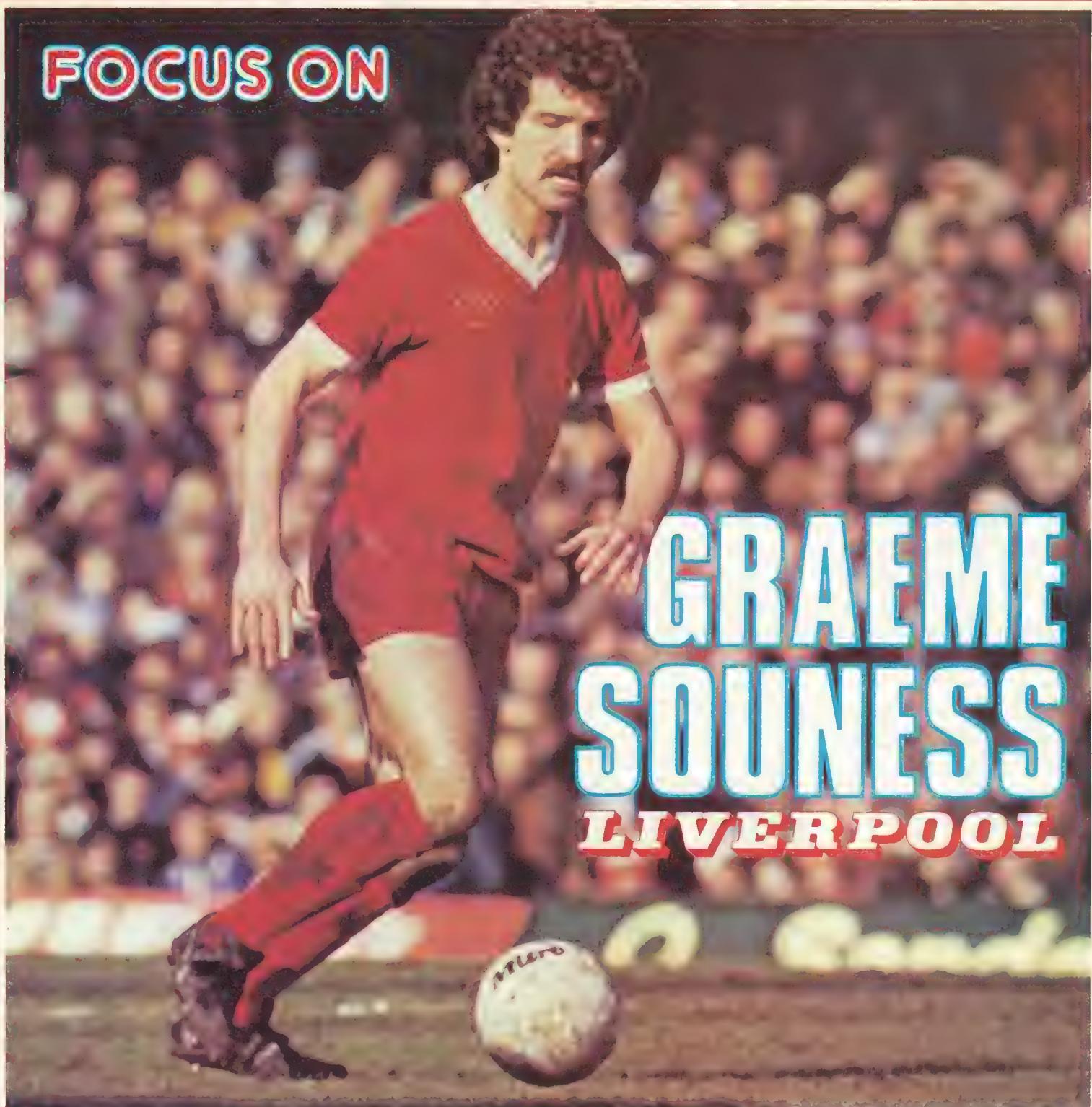


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HEIGHT: 5ft 11ins

WEIGHT: 12st 7lbs

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Tottenham, Middlesbrough

MARRIED: No

CAR: BMW 320

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Franz Beckenbauer

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Don't have one

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Johnny Giles

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Don't have one

BIGGEST THRILL: Joining Liverpool

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing in the Semi-Final of the League Cup to

Manchester City in 1975-76 while I was with Middlesbrough

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Hong Kong

FAVOURITE FOOD: Sea food and curries

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Sitting in the sun and good company

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: False people

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: The Two Ronnies and current affairs programmes

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Elton John, Doobie Brothers and the Bee Gees

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Marlon

Brando and Faye Dunaway

BEST FRIEND: I have a few close friends

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Ian McFarlane and Jack Charlton at Boro

BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Losing

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Four full, two

Under-23, Youth and Schoolboys' caps

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win honours

IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO

YOU THINK YOU'D BE? I don't know

WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU

MOST LIKE TO MEET? There are a few

people I would like to meet

LAST GASP SENSATIONS...

No game is won — or lost — or even drawn — until the final whistle blows. Anything can happen in the last vital minutes of a match — and often does. This season in particular has seen a whole host of last minute sensations.

Do you remember what happened when Aston Villa met Barcelona in the first-leg of their U.E.F.A. Cup Quarter-Final? It was the farewell performance on an English ground of Johan Cruyff, the illustrious "Flying Dutchman" formerly of Ajax and more recently of Barcelona.

From the start he showed the Villa fans he had lost none of his immaculate skills and scored a delightful goal.

Barcelona made it 2-0 during the second-half and with just ten minutes remaining Cruyff limped off the field to a spontaneous roar of applause.

By that time many of the Villa fans had seen enough and began to make their way towards the exits — but what a finish they missed!

In the 86th minute Villa pulled one back when Ken McNaught joined a storming attack and headed a beauty past the Spanish 'keeper. But that wasn't the end.

Villa swarmed back in another storming attack and with bare seconds left, John Deehan cracked the ball into the net to make sure the

second-leg in Barcelona would kick-off with the two sides on level terms. Unfortunately, there was no miracle finish for Villa.

This season's F.A. Cup-ties produced some sensational last-minute goals. Manchester United figured in two of them.

In the Fourth Round they met West Bromwich Albion at Old Trafford in a thrilling duel that kept the 57,000 fans biting their nails right up to the final whistle.

With less than 15 minutes to go Albion took the lead with a brilliant goal from Scots ace Willie Johnston. It looked like the Cup k.o. for United as the minutes ticked away with Albion still the masters.

But with only seconds remaining Steve Coppell raced through and hit a 25 yard blockbuster at the Albion goal. Goalkeeper Tony Godden dived to cover it but the ball hit the base of the upright, struck

The late, late goals that meant glory or disaster for teams.

poor Tony on the nose and ricochetted into the net. What a last second face-saver for United!

A few days later Albion staged the replay at The Hawthorns. Another nail-biter!

At half-time the scores were level — 1-1. Within four minutes of the restart Albion were ahead through Cyrille Regis and despite all United's efforts the score remained unchanged as the minutes ticked away. The end drew near. The referee checked his watch as Albion fans began to chant "Albion for the Cup!" Then, with less than a minute to go Gordon Hill rammed the ball home off a post.

United had achieved a miracle for the second time. Now could



they force victory during extra-time? They could NOT. Cyrille Regis scored his second goal of the game. United were out and Albion were on their way to further Cup successes.

Nottingham Forest were fortunate to snatch an equaliser in their Fifth Round tie with Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road.

Rangers took a deserved lead midway through the first-half and despite all Forest's efforts it seemed that the Londoners would hold on to their lead to the final whistle.

But with 89 minutes gone wee Archie Gemmill raced downfield. Defenders scrambled back to cover. Too late. Archie slipped a delightful pass to Martin O'Neill and the Irishman headed it like a bullet past Phil Parkes.

"Better late than never." Forest had shattered Rangers' glory day and in the second replay made sure of a place in Round Six.

The giantkillers of this season's Cup battles — Blyth Spartans and Wrexham — owed much to last minute miracles.

In the Fourth Round Blyth's non-League heroes went to Stoke and won 3-2, thanks to a glorious goal from Terry Johnson just a couple of minutes before the final whistle.

In the Fifth Round Spartans had to travel again, this time to Wrexham, for a battle of the giantkillers. Again Terry Johnson was their hero, putting them ahead in the first-half.

With great courage and determination, and not a little skill, they clung grimly to that slender lead. Time passed far too slowly for the gallant Geordies but with only seconds remaining and victory in the "velvet bag", Wrexham forced a corner.

Over swung the ball and up leapt Dixie McNeil. A moment later the ball was in the net. That face-saver gave Wrexham a replay, at Newcastle, and this time they made no



John Deehan (below, second left) scores for Aston Villa against Barcelona



Steve Coppell blasts late equaliser for Man. United during their F.A. Cup battle v. West Brom.



Wrexham's Dixie McNeil (partly hidden by 'keeper) saves the day against non-League Blyth.

mistake. That was Wrexham's second Cup visit to St. James' Park.

They were there in Round Four when they forced a replay in a 2-2 draw. Who do you think scored the Welshmen's two goals? Dixie McNeil, of course, his second coming in the final seconds of a tense tussle.

He repeated his scoring double in the replay at the Racecourse Ground. Wrexham beat United 4-1 — but the result was a foregone conclusion long before the final whistle.

Millwall, another of the season's giantkillers, reached the Sixth Round, yet they might have been k.o'd in the Third but for a sensational end to their clash at Rotherham.

With 90 minutes gone the Millmoor fans were cheering their



Nottingham Forest's Martin O'Neill heads past the helpless Phil Parkes of Q.P.R.

With just nine seconds remaining, John Mitchell (ground, stripes) scores the goal v. Birmingham that sent Fulham to Wembley in 1975.



favourites to a 1-0 victory. But the referee allowed some injury time — and then it happened. In the 92nd minute Barry Kitchener headed home a desperate last-second equaliser. Millwall made no mistake in the replay.

Spurs and Bolton are not likely to forget their encounters during the season. In November they met in the League at Bolton and Wanderers snatched a last-minute victory with a glorious Roy Greaves' goal.

Next they lined up as rivals in the Third Round of the Cup at Tottenham. What a crowd-thriller that was.

With five minutes left Glenn Hoddle put Spurs into a 2-1 lead — but Bolton weren't finished. While the Tottenham fans were cheering their heroes, a mix up in defence left Bolton's Stewart Whatmore with a last-minute chance to whip the ball into an unguarded net.

So off they went to Burnden Park for the replay — and another nail-biting finish.

Bolton led by the only goal after 51 minutes. From then on they looked certain winners and a place in the next round. But fortune

plays strange tricks.

With the end perilously near Spurs were awarded a penalty. Amid roars of dissent from the disappointed Bolton fans Peter Taylor made no mistake and seconds later the teams had to change ends for extra-time. But groans turned to cheers when Gary Jones scored the winner.

One of the most sensational last-gasp incidents of the season happened at Stamford Bridge in a tremendous First Division clash between Chelsea and Manchester United.

Midway into the second-half Chelsea led 2-1 and deserved their supremacy. From then on United never looked likely to snatch an equaliser. But fate ruled otherwise.

Only seconds remained when Jock Finnieston, one of Chelsea's stars, chased an innocuous looking ball on the edge of his own penalty-area.

Clearance

Somehow he missed his clearance and the ball struck him on the arm just inside the 18 yards line. The ref pointed to the spot.

Gordon Hill made no mistake with a fierce drive past Peter Bonetti. That was just about the last kick of the game. Disaster for Chelsea.

Soccer's records are spiced with stories of sensational last-gasp goals.

In 1975 Fulham reached the F.A. Cup Final for the first time ever with such an effort. It happened in the Semi-Final replay against Birmingham at Maine Road, Manchester.

It was anybody's game for at the end of 90 minutes the score sheet was blank. So was the greater part of extra-time. Then, with only nine seconds left the tie was won and lost.

In a desperate white and blue melee in the Birmingham goal-mouth the ball suddenly landed in the net — off the shoulder of Fulham's young striker John Mitchell. The ref's whistle signalled the winning goal — and the end of a history-making battle.

You may also remember the 1977 League Cup Final between Everton and Aston Villa. Their first encounter at Wembley ended in a goalless draw.

In the replay at Hillsborough Bob Latchford equalised Villa's earlier goal — in the 89th minute. Extra-time produced no further goals, which meant a second replay at Old Trafford.

Ninety minutes saw the teams level at two-each, three of them coming inside four minutes as the two tiring teams struggled to force a late winner.

So it was extra-time again — and no more goals until the ref was preparing to blow the final whistle and supervise a penalty-kicking competition to decide the destination of the League Cup. But this was not necessary.

In the very last attack of the long drawn-out battle that had lasted for 329 minutes, an Everton defender failed to collect a cross from the wing and Brian Little ran in unmarked to plant the ball into the back of the net. If ever there was a last-minute sensation that was it.

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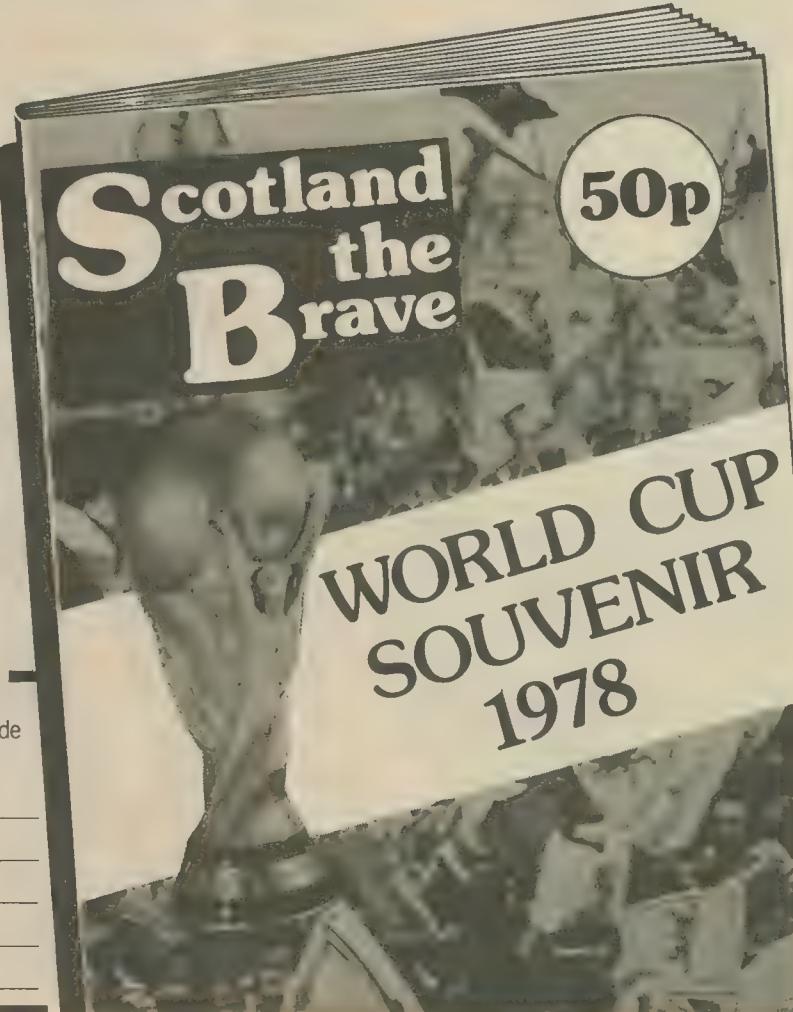
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I have made the most difficult decision of my football career and I am sorely disappointed not to be playing in the World Cup Finals . . . but I'll smile though my heart is breaking.

Scotland will have to win the World Cup without the further services of yours truly . . . although there is one thing I want to make clear now.

Danny McGrain WILL be back in action to help Scotland retain the trophy long before 1982.

My decision to withdraw from the Scotland pool for the Finals was not made without a stack of soul-searching. I kept on hoping I would be fit in time, but finally — about six weeks ago now — I knew I had to be fair to Ally MacLeod and the rest of the boys.

The only way I could do that was to make my decision immediately and it had to be I remain at home. It wasn't an easy one to announce to the world . . . but it had to be done.

The final vote came when the specialist told me to take a complete rest from the game, the only way to get back to peak fitness.

In fact as you read this, I am lying in the sun somewhere on the Continent dreaming only of being at Glasgow airport at the end of June to welcome the lads back with the trophy.

For as surely as I won't be playing in Argentina, I won't be there to spectate either.

I suppose I could go with the squad, but the players and manager aren't going to South America for holiday. They are going to do the most important job of their football careers and they don't need me or anyone else in the way.

be an arthritic condition in the ankle . . . but there isn't.

There is just a little inflammation which brings pain every now and then. But I won't take risks where my fitness is concerned.

In some of the pictures which were spread over all the papers when I made my announcement about not going to the Finals, I was shown to be wearing what looked to be a plaster on my leg.

Rest assured, it was only an elastic bandage.

Although it was a terrible moment having to face up to the facts and decline the invitation to play World Cup football again, there was also a sense of relief.

I have gone through hell worrying about the injury trying to get fit in time and having people asking me all the time if I was going to make it for the World Cup.

I know everyone meant well, but it was an added pressure and now that has been lifted. I have had seven months of worry over the injury and now my mind is clearer and the future looks so much brighter.

There is no question of my going back to Manchester for further tests — and remember, they were only tests. I never had an operation.

After the last biopsy in Shropshire I heard nothing for three or four weeks



I'll watch the proceedings from my house although I wouldn't mind at all if I could get a job commenting on one of the TV panels.

Nothing like a hint, is there?

Then my aim is to restart training with the rest of the Celtic squad and be ready for the new season.

My career is not in danger — and I am saying that because I know so many of the fans have been asking the question.

The specialist did fear there might

. . . and that really planted the seeds of doubt in my mind about the trip.

There was only one thing for it. That dramatic phone call to manager Ally MacLeod to say: "I won't make it, boss."

I thanked him for including me in his squad of forty in the first place and saying he would wait for me. It was a great gesture, but I couldn't ask him to hold on any longer.

Ally MacLeod has a pool-full of worries without having Danny McGrain's troubles on his plate . . . that is why I insist I won't be crossing the Atlantic at all at the end of next month.

However, I do give my best wishes to Hibs right-back John Brownlie who was called into the squad in my place.

Swashbuckling John is a great player and one worthy of his place in Scotland's international set-up . . . and of course he is no stranger to those surroundings.

When I broke the news to Ally, he told me I would be the first man in Scotland to hold the World Cup when the team brought it home. Now that is one promise he can keep!

Meanwhile, I am glad to see Celtic making amends for a disappointing season and making a bid, however late, for a place in next season's U.E.F.A. Cup.

Measure of the size of our comeback can be taken by the way we beat Rangers in the League at Parkhead the week after they beat us in the League Cup Final.

Then at the end of March, Aberdeen, then the League leaders, found it really tough to take a point from us at Parkhead.

Celts, as I have always said, will be back at the top very shortly.

Danny McGrain (sixth from right) with the Scotland team after their British Championship win of 1976. Alas, Danny won't be with them in June for the World Cup Finals.



NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
SKIPPER JOHN GREIG

HERE are many people who consider midfield to be the most important part of a team. If the "engine" is running smoothly . . . firing on all cylinders . . . then the rest of the "machine" should function properly.

I don't necessarily go along with this; for although midfield is obviously very important, I feel it's impossible to say one particular department of a team has priority over another.

I think a top goalkeeper is essential. Look at the teams doing well this season and you'll realise they all have top-class 'keepers.

Midfield players have captured more attention in recent years because there has been an emergence of several schemers who possess marvellous skills.

Liam Brady, Trevor Brooking, Glenn Hoddle — just three who spring to mind. Liam is probably the number one midfielder at the moment and the Arsenal man is playing with so much confidence it's not true.

The ideal midfield player should be both defensive and attacking . . . he should be able to combine bite with flair, but very few have both qualities. Probably the only player who approaches the ideal is Johan Neeskens of Barcelona and Holland. He's still only in his mid-twenties yet seems to have been around for ages.

Most teams prefer to use three players in the middle . . . one defensive and two attacking. Sir Alf Ramsey used to be criticised for his inclusion of Nobby Stiles — and then Peter Storey — in his sides, yet he obviously felt such a player was necessary to complement the skills of Alan Ball and Martin Peters.

Aggressive

My own view is that an aggressive midfield player is good for a team, although having said that Chelsea and England have been operating without one for most of this season.

Before my injury, we played three "creative" players in the middle at Chelsea, with Ian Britton and Kenny Swain either side of me.

Ray Lewington stepped in when I dropped out and I have a lot of time for Ray, who loves to win the ball in the middle of the park. There are few players who are better at this job in the League and I'd say we've missed his tigerish qualities at times this campaign.

For England, I've linked up with Trevor Brooking to make just a two-man midfield, although Steve Coppell, nominally a winger, does his share of grafting in the centre.

I've never been a tackler and I can't say I really like defensive duties, but they're something I have to accept as part of soccer '78.

I can't go in like Ray or a recognised ball-winner. Trevor and I aim to shut down opponents, restricting their use of the ball.

I suppose these extra duties are good in some ways as they stop us from ever drifting out of the game. With two jobs we're involved all the

THE BEST MIDFIELD I'VE EVER SEEN'



time and this has certainly helped my game in some respects.

I've averaged around ten goals a season since I broke through into the first team and I've been pleased to reach double figures. If a team is to win anything, its midfield-men must weigh in with their share of goals.

Look at the goals of Ray Kennedy and Jimmy Case for Liverpool, for example. The opportunities are there for midfielders coming through from deep positions to get on the score sheet and it is a failing if an attacking schemer doesn't grab a few goals fairly regularly.

I've nearly always been a midfield player. At school I was a right-winger for a while because I was so small. I've also played up-front for Chelsea at times, although I'm happiest in the middle.

I wouldn't say I copied any player in particular or based my style on a

RIGHT . . . "Trevor Brooking is my partner in the England side."

LEFT . . . "Liam Brady is probably the number one midfielder at the moment."

BELOW . . . "The Holland (dark shirts) team that beat England last year was magic."



certain star. As a youngster the mid-fielder I admired most of all was probably Johnny Giles, whose passing of the ball was uncannily accurate.

I couldn't pick out any player as the best midfielder I've ever seen because it's hard to compare stars who have different qualities. Johnny Giles and Billy Bremner played together for Leeds with great distinction, yet had completely different styles.

Together, they gave Leeds an ideal balance in midfield . . . yet it would be wrong to say one was necessarily superior to the other.

The best midfield combination I've ever seen was that of Holland when they beat England 2-0 at Wembley just over a year ago. Mind you, the whole team was magic that night — they'd have beaten anyone.

night — they'd have beaten anyone. Their three midfielders were Johan Neeskens, Jan Peters and Willy van der Kerkhof, although the way the Dutch play it's hard to categorise their players.

England have had some fine midfield players in recent years. Two who helped us to win the World Cup in 1966 are still playing superbly . . . Alan Ball and Martin Peters.

Ballie was a little unlucky to lose the England captaincy. He was in dispute with Arsenal at the time and Don Revie thought there was a need for new blood . . . so Alan lost out.

I like Ballie. He's a great driving

force and motivates the players around him. He and Alan Hudson are the best first-time passers of the ball I've ever seen.

Martin is 34 now, I believe, yet when he played for Norwich against Chelsea not long ago looked as if he could go on for another two seasons at the highest level.

It sometimes seems as if he isn't in the game, but this is because his soccer brain works so fast he's often ahead of other players. It's this speed of thought that has brought Martin so many goals out of nothing.

I was glad to see Colin Bell back in action for Manchester City after his two-year absence. Colin was a marvellous player for England and scored some very important goals.

He was criticised for being too quiet, yet I don't think you have to shout to be a top midfielder. Okay, it's part of the make-up of Ballie and Billy Bremner, but someone like Trevor Brooking can stand alongside anyone, although he doesn't yell or holler. Players are what they are. I don't think Bobby Charlton said much during a game . . . look what he achieved, though.

Big fan

Right now, Scotland boast some of the best midfield-men in Europe . . . the Riach / Masson / Hartford trio is well-known. I'm a big fan of Graeme Souness, who I rate as a superb passer of the ball, and he can only improve now he's with Liverpool. I'm sure he'll go to Argentina, even if he doesn't play regularly.

I'd also like to mention our own little Scot at Chelsea — Ian Britton, the smallest player in the team, yet incredibly he has a record of heading goals.

I believe he scored five last season in this way — Micky Droy didn't even manage that! I'd have thought Ian would have won an Under-23 or Under-21 cap because his all-round contribution to a team is enormous.

I'm writing this article just before I see a specialist about my troublesome groin injury. You may have read some more up-to-date news about it in the papers by now, but I'm not exactly optimistic that I'll play again this season.

I've been restricted to swimming for half an hour a day and I get the impression the specialist has been keen for me to give the injury a complete rest.

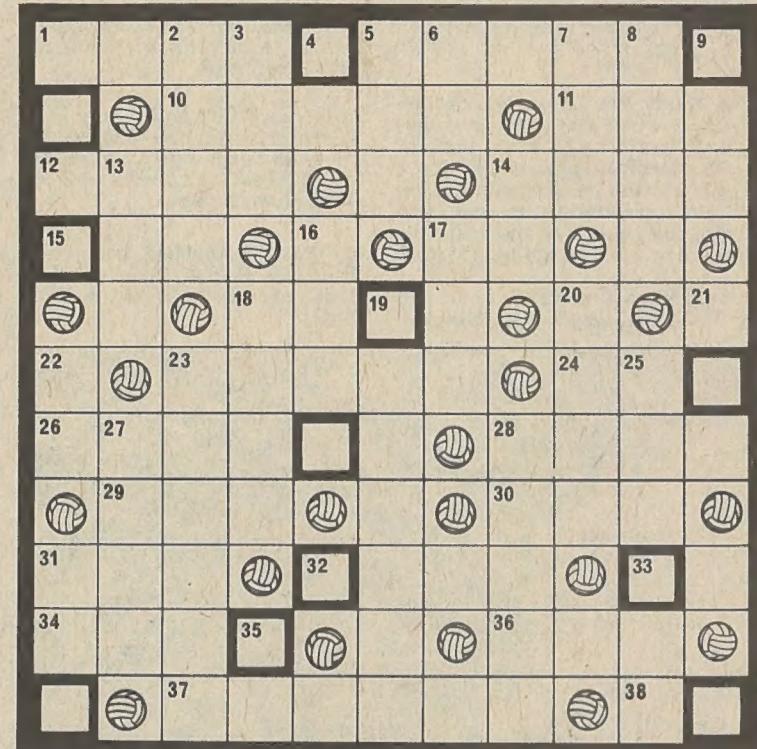
I 'dearly want to play the final games for Chelsea and keep in the England reckoning, but . . .

See you in a fortnight,

Farquhar 27

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Liverpool defender. Answers on Page 42.



ACROSS:—

(1) **Norwich City** striker. (5 & 6).
 (10) **Kenny** —, **Chelsea** striker.
 (11) ---**ton** from **Goodison Park**.
 (12) **Lone performance**.
 (14) **Cowden** ---**h** from **Central Park**,
Scotland.
 (15) **Colin** ---**gg**-**tt** of **Norwich City**.
 (17) **Kilbo**-**i**-**Park**, home of **Clydebank**.
 (18) **Match** by another name.
 (23) ---**ys**--**I** ---**lace**. Make the missing
 letters into a unit of weight for
 gems.
 (24) **Arb**--**h**, **Scottish Division One**
side.
 (26) **Most** soccer competitions are held
 thus.
 (28) **Dennis** —, **Leicester City** defender.
 (29) ---**e**-**b**— **County**. The **Rams**.
 (30) **Brian Greenh** ---, defender with
Manchester United.
 (31) **David F**---**clough** of **Liverpool**.
 (32) ---**Avenue**, home of **Southport**.
 (33) **Colin Vilj**-**e** of **Ipswich Town**.
 (34) ---**ck**-**ort** **County** from **Edgeley Park**.
 (36) **Dave O'L**---**y** of **Arsenal**.
 (37) **Clive** —, **Chelsea** winger.
 (38) **Bobby Mc**--**nald** of **Coventry City**.
 (1) **Players** have been known to ----
 each other when carried away by
 excitement!
 (2) ---**ce**-**ter** **City**. A word from the
 omissions.
 (3) **Number** of teams in the current
 Scottish Premier Division whose
 names start with the letter 'A'.
 (4) ---**lifax** **Town** from **Shay**
Ground.
 (5) **One** of a set of bones in the chest.
 (6) **Millwall** are nicknamed **The Li**--**s**.
 (7) ---**hi**-**Hi**-**Id** **Park**; **Berwick Rangers**
 ground.
 (8) **Kennington** —, venue of the very
 first F.A. Cup Final (in 1872).
 (9) **Steve Fi**-**ni**-**s**-**on** of **Chelsea**.
 (13) **Jimmy Neighb** --- of **Norwich City**.
 (14) **A**--**rdeen** from **Pittodrie Stadium**.
 (16) **Title** needed to complete ---**st**
Sti--**ing** (Scots Div. II).
 (17) ---**s**-**Germany**, current World Cup
 holders.
 (18) — **Locke**, **Chelsea** full-back.
 (19) **Teddy** —, **Brighton** striker.
 (20) There's one over the stand, for in-
 stance.
 (21) **Phil B**--**r** of **Bristol Rovers**.
 (22) **Paul** ---**adele** of **Leeds United**.
 (23) — **Road**, ground of **Norwich City**.
 (25) **Old Tr**-----, **Manchester United's**
 ground.
 (27) **-anna**--**c** **Park** (Dundee United).
 Prepare for publication from the
 omissions.
 (28) — **Osborne** of **Ipswich Town**.
 (31) **Take** three letters from **Spotland**
(Rochdale) to make a small
 venomous snake.
 (35) **-lymouth**-**rovle** from **Home Park**.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. The following Scottish Premier Division games were played on Saturday, April 1st. Can you select the correct results? (a) Ayr v. Motherwell (0-0, 0-1, 1-2), (b) Celtic v. Aberdeen (2-2, 3-3, 4-4), (c) Hibernian v. Partick (1-0, 2-1, 3-1), (d) Rangers v. St. Mirren (1-1, 2-2, 3-3).

2. Study the action photograph taken when Chelsea met Liverpool in a First Division game at Stamford Bridge, and see if you can answer the following questions. (a) Identify the two players, (b) what was the half-time score and (c) the full-time result?

3. Shrewsbury Town have had nine managers since the last war.

Sam Crooks, Walter Rowley, Harry Potts, John Spuhler, Arthur Rowley, Harry Gregg, Maurice Evans and Richie Barker are eight . . . can you name the other one?

4. Peterborough's Trevor Anderson is a full international for which country?

5. Norwich City and former England star Martin Peters scored 46, 47 or 48 League goals in 89, 189 or 289 League appearances for Tottenham Hotspur?

6. Watford clinched promotion from the Fourth Division when they beat which club 2-1 on April 3rd?



7. Name the former Scotland international goalkeeper who was made understudy to Pat Jennings of Arsenal during the week leading up to the F.A. Cup Semi-Finals?

8. Steve Hunt, who stars for the Cosmos in the North American Soccer League, is set to join First Division Birmingham City, Aston Villa or Coventry City next season?

9. Spot the five deliberate mistakes in this short report of the recent Italy v. England Under-21 clash.

"England, defending a 3-2 lead from the first-leg at Old Trafford, travelled to Italy for the return in the Under-21 World Championship. Despite a weakened side, due to injuries and club commitments, England put up a spirited display in Turin and did tremendously well to hold the Italians to a 1-1 draw and progress through to the Semi-Finals, where they meet Yugoslavia."

10. Which English or Scottish League grounds would you be visiting if you stood on the terraces at . . . (a) Tynecastle Park, (b) Boundary Park, and (c) Haig Avenue?

11. Former Newcastle manager Richard Dinnis is boss of Philadelphia Fury or Los Angeles Aztecs in the North America Soccer League?

12. Leighton James of Q.P.R. is a Welsh international. Did he (a) play for the Under-23 side and (b) make his debut for the full side against Czechoslovakia in Prague in October, November or December, 1971?



13. Frank McLintock (above) recently resigned as manager of Leicester City. Before taking over he was a player with which club?

14. West Germany played Brazil in a friendly in Hamburg. Did the Brazilians win 1-0, 2-1, or 3-1?

15. On the same day, the Republic of Ireland entertained Turkey in Dublin and won 4-2. Can you name the former West Brom striker who scored two goals?

ANSWERS:

1-0, 15, Ray Treacy.
 1-1, October, 1971, 13, Q.P.R., 14.
 1-1, Philadelphie Fury, 12, (a) Yes,
 (b) No, (c) Southport,
 (d) Oldham Athletic, (e) it
 was played in Rome, (f) it
 was in the game
 21 Championship, (g) it is the UEFA Under-
 21, (h) the first-leg was at Maine
 Road, (i) it is the first-leg of the
 Coventry City, (j) England led
 Bournemouth, 7, Bob Wilson, 8.
 Nottingham, 5, 46 in 1981, 6.
 Chelsea, 3, Alan Durban, 4.
 (a) Steve Finnis, (b) Steve Finnis, (c) Liverpool
 (d) Alan Hansen (left) of Liverpool
 (e) 0-1, (f) 2-2, (g) 3-1, (h) 1-1, 2.
 (i) 0-1, (j) 1-1, 2.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Keith Robson, (10) Swain
 (11) Eve, (12) Solo, (14) Beat, (15) Sue, (17)
 We, (18) Game, (23) Carat, (24) Dat, (26)
 Yearly, (28) Rose, (29) Dry, (30) Off, (31) Air,
 (32) Haig, (33) On, (34) Stop, (36) Ear, (37)
 Walker, (38) De.

DOWN:— (1) Kiss, (2) Isle, (3) Two, (4) Ha,
 (5) Rib, (6) On, (7) See, (8) Oval, (9) Net, (13)
 Our, (14) Be, (16) Earl, (17) Wet, (18) Gary,
 (19) Maybank, (20) Roof, (21) Ate, (22) My,
 (23) Carrow, (25) Afford, (27) Edit, (28)
 Roger, (31) Asp, (35) Pa.

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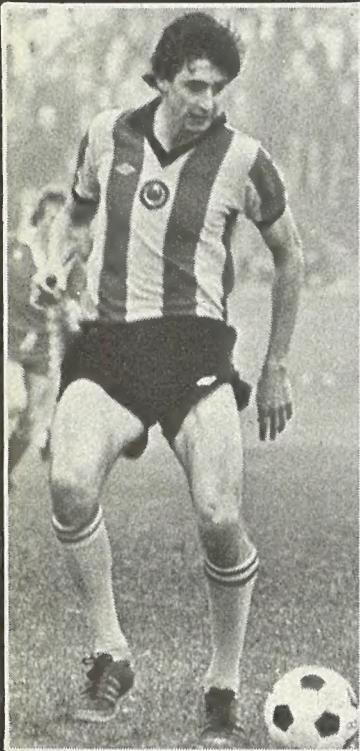
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BOBBY HOUSTON— too good to be tagged 'a bad boy'



PARTICK THISTLE'S Under-23 star Bobby Houston must be wondering what the fates have against him. It seems that just about every time an English club is ready to make a move for him something goes drastically wrong.

FOR INSTANCE . . . when he was playing at right-back five seasons ago he was getting rave notices in the Press. He was developing into a fast, raiding defender who had the ability to win the ball in the air and on the deck. Just when a posse of clubs were getting ready to watch him he was sent-off against Celtic!

FOR INSTANCE . . . now he has moved wide on the flank as an old-fashioned outside-right. Middlesbrough, with money to spend after selling Graeme Souness to Liverpool, were linked with him. The rumours grew stronger, but what happened? Amazingly, he was ordered off again . . . and again it was against Celtic!

"People must think I have something against Celtic," says Houston. "In fact, I'll let you into a wee secret . . . they were my boyhood idols."

"To get sent-off against them twice is just incredible. The first time was for questioning a linesman's decision. It was a spur of the moment thing and something which I obviously regret. The second was for a tackle."

"I just hope I am not getting a reputation as a dirty player. I'm

hardly what you would call a clogger. I am a footballer and proud of my profession. I try to play football at all costs. That's the name of the game so far as I am concerned.

"Being sent-off is really sickening. It lets everyone down. Your boss, team-mates and, of course, the fans. I'll be watching myself in the future."

Houston was once also dismissed against Morton at Cappielow, but the man he clashed with that day, rival skipper Davie Hayes, is quick to point out: "It wasn't Bobby's fault.

"He made a bid to get the ball, either he was too slow or I was too quick, but he didn't make contact properly and I went down.

"It's a thing that happens often. You mistime a tackle or underestimate either the speed or the talents of an opponent and it looks clumsy. Bobby was very unlucky.

"I have played against him several times and there is no way you could call him anything but a footballer with talent. He does plenty of chasing back to win the ball and that's probably why he might get into trouble.

'Reputation'

"He is a competitor, but he doesn't stoop to underhand tactics, I'm sure of that. Once a player gets a reputation it is hard to shake off, but players are the people who know a real hard man.

"We don't have to hear it from the fans or read it in the Press. We know the guys who will come out swinging and some of the fans would no doubt be surprised to find out some of the names. They probably don't rate them as cloggers at all.

"There is no way Bobby comes into the 'bite your legs' category. I can't speak for the matches against Celtic, but I know he was unfortunate against Morton.

"And I am not trying to put down the referee either, I hasten to add. He has a tough enough job, but he only has one set of eyes. From different angles things look a whole lot worse and you can't blame the referee for that. He can only be in one place at the one time and, remember, he is not just watching one or two players, but everyone. It's not a job I would fancy."

Houston will no doubt be comforted by those words of wisdom from Hayes, one of the hardest tacklers in Scotland. Now, though, the talented, lithe Partick player will have to start at the beginning again.

He must lose that "bad boy" tag and the way to do that is to turn on the style on a consistent basis. Houston has the talent to rise to that challenge.

It is very unusual for a manager to sneak into Glasgow and sign a quality player without encountering opposition from either Celtic or Rangers.

These two clubs cast a giant shadow over not only Glasgow, but Scotland, too, and their attraction is evident. They are the glamour clubs, the dream sides and nine times out of ten they get the cream of the crop.

However, it looks as though Billy McNeill, the former Celtic skipper who is now manager of Aberdeen, of course, has pulled off a signing scoop from right under the noses of the Old Firm.

McNeill had a short spell as boss of Clyde and was highly impressed by the all-round ability of Steve Archibald. He is one of the most versatile players in Scotland and has even kept goal for Clyde in an emergency when regular 'keeper John Arrol broke a leg in a match against Queen's Park.

"I'll play anywhere the boss wants me," says Archibald. "I've played in the back-four, in midfield and up-front and I've enjoyed all my roles. I even enjoyed that short spell in goal although I was put under pressure at corner-kicks!

"It's exciting being with a club such as Aberdeen. They are ambitious and that suits me. Mr. McNeill has had his fair share of success as a player, but he is now out to add to his honours as a manager.

"That sort of ambition is bound to rub off on the players. He wants, in fact, demands, success and everyone at Pittodrie wants that, too."

Archibald has been playing in the attack for the Pittodrie club and he has done a tremendous job. Rangers and Celtic both know McNeill has picked up a bargain at only £25,000. They have felt his power.

Rangers took it on the chin when they met The Dons in a vital League match at Ibrox. Archibald, leading the line intelligently alongside World Cup man Joe Harper, netted twice in their astounding 3-0 victory. Harper hit the other.

STEVE ARCHIBALD— Aberdeen's new star missed by the Old Firm

In a match against Celtic at Parkhead Archibald didn't actually get his name on the scoresheet, but he contributed a lot in the 2-2 draw which gave his side another vital point.

He linked up well with Harper again when, with Celtic leading 1-0, Joe smashed a shot across the face of the goal, Archibald dived in to connect and turn the ball on to the post. It rebounded to Duncan Davidson who rolled in the equaliser.

One man who is not surprised Archibald has made the jump up two Divisions with ease is Clyde manager Craig Brown, who took over from McNeill at Shawfield.

"He really is a great prospect," says Brown in admiration. "The first time I arrived at this club and took a training session I knew he was too good for this Division.

"There are so many things about him that impresses you. His attitude, his unselfishness and his versatility immediately come to mind.

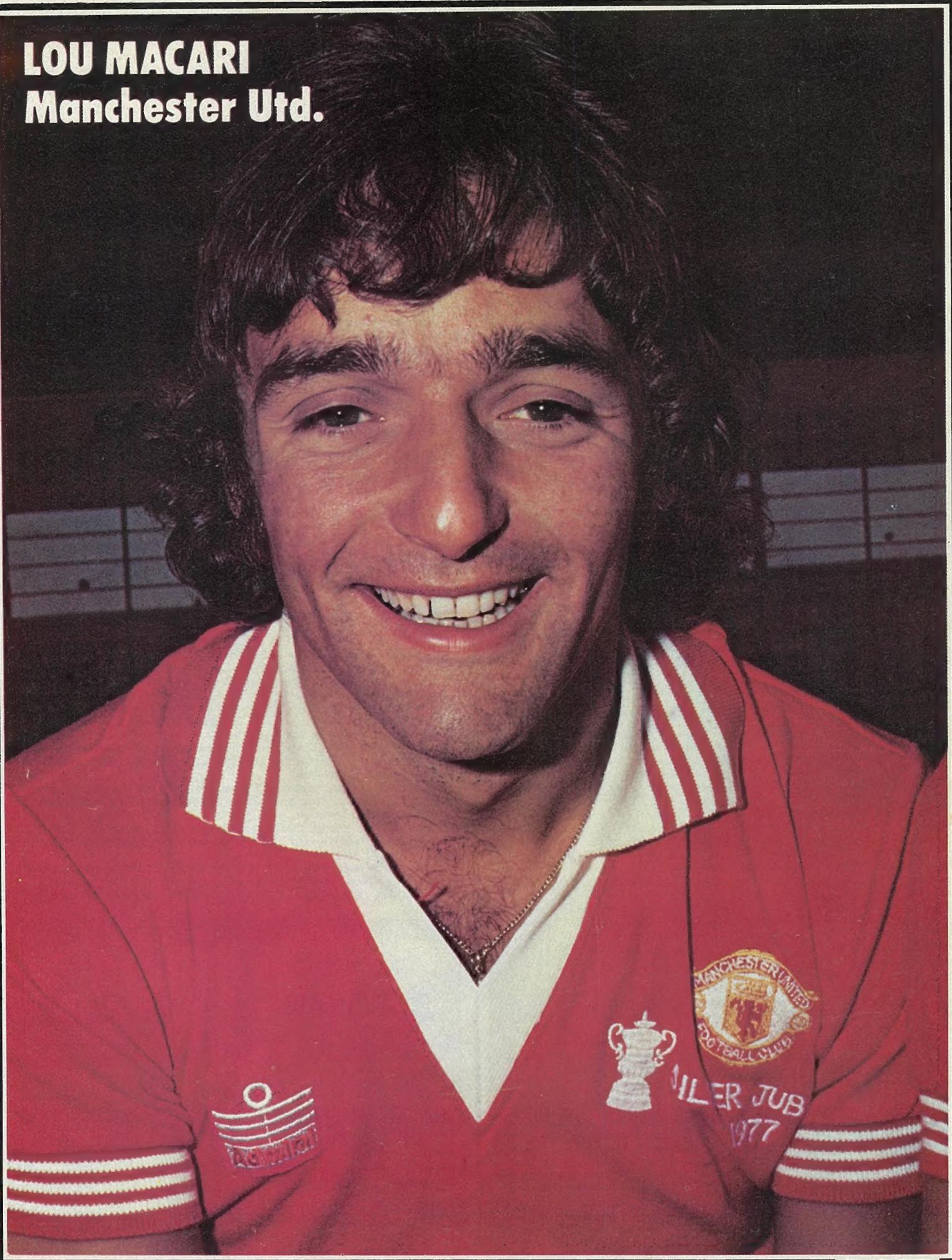
"It's good to see Steve doing well. He deserves all the success that is bound to come his way. He works hard for anything he gets."

Archibald is certainly going in the right direction. Make a note of the name.



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